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Chamber After Hours event set

Cellular South and Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will sponsor the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours today from 5-7 p.m. at the yacht club, 697 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis.

DBPA meeting is this morning

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's general meeting is from 8-9 a.m. today at the Diamondhead Country Club. The guest speaker will be Dr. William Lewis, president of Pearl River Community College. After Hours will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at Malley's Store All, located on the corner of Kapalama Drive and Tina Ladner Rd., out the back gate of Diamondhead.

Bay-Wave M.S. PTO elections

The Bay-Waveland Middle School PTO meeting is set for May 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The group will elect officers for 2001-2002. Call 463-0351 for more information.

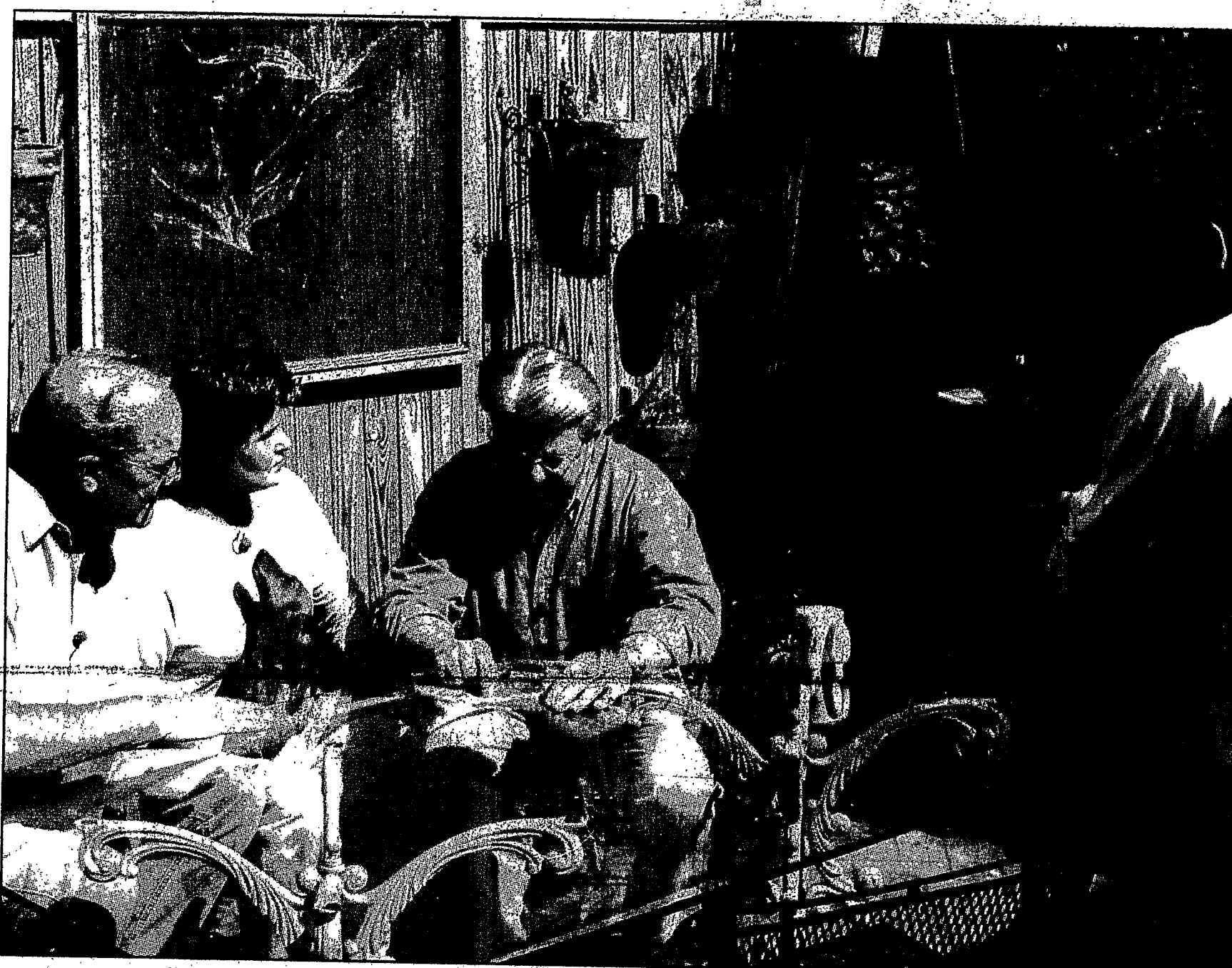
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Creole Home Improvement



Thomas and Marsha Favre of 312 Union Street, Bay St. Louis, sit down with fix-it guru Ron Hazelton Wednesday for a taping of his national television program *HouseCalls*. Below, Hazelton and his crew set up a shot of the Favres' courtyard project.



Bay couple's home to be featured on national TV

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

America's favorite "fix it" personality, Ron Hazelton of the popular television show *HouseCalls*, was at the home of Thomas and Marsha Favre this week to advise them on redesigning the patio-garden of their Creole cottage on Union Street in Bay St. Louis.

The quiet street was transformed into a television set on Wednesday as crew and producers scurried back and forth with truckloads of equipment, filming a segment which is scheduled to air sometime this fall. And of course, Hazelton's famous state-of-the-art motor home workshop on wheels was parked outside.

The crew, which includes car-

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Bay is healthier than was believed

DEQ tells Supers it could be cleaner

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County has made significant progress to clean up the Bay of St. Louis, but there is still much to do.

Greg Jackson, scientist with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, briefed the Board of Supervisors Monday on the results of extensive studies made over a two-year period that determined the amount of fecal coliform and stormwater runoff coming into the bay from rivers and streams that empty into the waterway.

The good news delivered by Jackson was the Bay of St. Louis, which remains ranked as the second most polluted body of water in the state, is cleaner than was expected. However, he said some areas will remain closed to oyster harvesting and shrimping until further notice.

Jackson said Hancock County's has significantly helped clean up the bay with its ambitious program to provide sewerage treatment to 95 per-

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Fugitive nabbed in D'head

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Texas fugitive on the run since July, 1994, for failing to show in court for a possession with intent to sell narcotics and using an alias, was nabbed at the Diamondhead Shopping Center Friday afternoon, according to Bob Lambert, Hancock County Sheriff's Department chief investigator.

Lambert said, "We received a call from the U.S. Marshal Service Friday morning that there may be a fugitive from Corpus Christi, Texas, residing in Hancock County."

"Lt. Ann Peneguy, secretary for the investigators, assisted in locating the place where the suspect may have been staying. Myself and Investigator Matt

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Supers learn sheriff's \$8,000 annual raise is mandatory

Auditor says census figures call for hike

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Fifteen months into his term, Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber has gotten an \$8,000-a-year raise.

The Board of Supervisors was informed Monday via a letter from the state auditor's office that the salary hike was mandatory and was based on the latest U.S. census figures which showed Hancock County was the third fastest growing county in the state.

Garber appeared before the Board early in the meeting to address routine personnel matters, but did not request his raise.

He left it to County Comptroller Patty Greer-Hammons to break the news to supervisors, as she rattled off her list of amendments that had to be made to the county's operating budget.

She showed supervisors the letter from the state auditor, which said Garber's raise was mandatory, based on the latest population figures.

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Wake Up, Bay St. Louis!



A near-capacity crowd filled William's Pit Barbecue at Washington St. and Old Spanish Trail Tuesday for "A Night of Politics" Ward 3 political forum, sponsored by Operation: Wake Up. Speakers at the event included Ward 3 councilman candidate Willie Acker and mayoral candidate Tad Black.

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Thousands jam Stennis for night test firing

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

NASA predicted 5,000 visitors would file into the Stennis Space Center Saturday night for the first-ever nighttime public viewing of the firing of a space shuttle main engine, but they were in for a big surprise.

A crowd estimated at between 13,000 and 15,000 poured into Stennis, and another 1,000 cars were turned back at the gates.

"We had cars parked everywhere," said Lane Cooksey, NASA news chief. Visitors were allowed to come on to the base from the south or north gate, and park their cars, then were shuttled to the firing stand by large buses and mini-vans. Others parked their vehicles at the Mississippi Welcome Center and boarded buses that took them to the test stands.

Cooksey said the order was given at 7:30 p.m. to close the north and south gates, disappointing those who hoped to enter.

"The incredible number of visitors who turned out for the evening test further affirmed the public's desire to be a part of the space program," said NASA Public Affairs Officer Myron Webb.

"We are disappointed we were unable to accommodate everyone due to the overwhelming response. Plans are already underway and preparations are being made to better accommodate large crowds and ensure an enjoyable experience for all who attend future public engine tests."

The festivities leading up to the test firing took on a carnival atmosphere. There were some bleachers provided and folding chairs. Some people came prepared with their own folding chairs, picnic baskets and camcorders and cameras.

A concession stand was set up to sell hot dogs, cold drinks and chips, but the crew was soon overwhelmed by the long line of hungry customers snaking around the serving area.

To the east, other long lines formed as visitors waited to use four port-a-lets.

A sampling of the crowd found local residents, as well as people from as far away as Mobile, Alabama and Gretna, Louisiana.

Prior to the test-firing, NASA officials used a microphone and charts to dispense information about the space shuttle main engine and what was to be expected during the firing.

A special guest was astronaut Daniel M. Tani, who was flown in from Houston to sub for astronaut Donald Williams, who flew aboard the Space Shuttle twice.

Tani has been in the training program for four and a half years, and is scheduled to make



More than 13,000 people, approximately four times more than previous tests, experienced the first-ever, evening public engine test of a Space Shuttle Main Engine at NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center Saturday, April 21, in Hancock County. Stennis is the Agency's lead center for rocket propulsion testing.

his first trip into space near the end of November.

For about a half-hour, he signed autographs and graciously fielded questions from the audience about himself and what he expects from his space trip.

The scheduled 8 p.m. test firing was held up for almost 30 minutes to allow the last of the crowds to file into the area, but as the countdown began, mission control announced a problem.

Soon, the crowd learned the

test-firing would have to be rescheduled, and the new countdown would begin at 10 p.m.

"That's it. We're going," said one disappointed mother, who grabbed a child by the hand and gathered up her belongings.

NASA officials soon

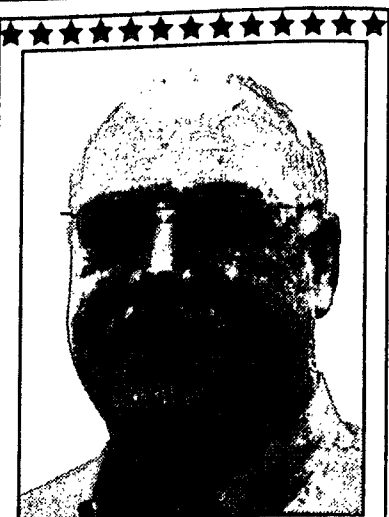
announced buses would be arriving to take those people who did not want to wait back to their cars. Some people were still in line waiting for the buses when the actual test firing began a little after 10 p.m.

Those who waited were not disappointed. The engine roared, shaking the ground, and illuminating the night sky. A cascade of cooling water sent a mist through the crowd.

The test firing continued for eight minutes, 40 seconds, which NASA officials said is the time needed for the space shuttle to reach orbit.

The first-ever evening public viewing of the Space Shuttle's main engine was a way for NASA to celebrate the 20th anniversary of rocket propulsion testing at Stennis, which occurred in 1981.

Stennis has since become the main center for testing all space shuttle main engines. The Boeing Company, Rocketdyne is responsible for development and flight acceptance testing of the space shuttle main engines.



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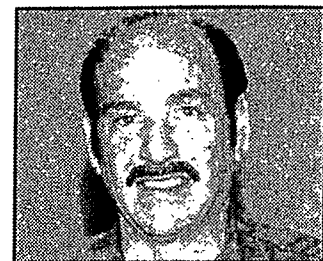
"I've been around Bay St. Louis for a long time and have been involved in enough civic and community activities to recognize true leadership when I see it. I feel we are so blessed in Bay St. Louis to have that leadership in our mayor's office. Our community is on the move since Eddie Favre became mayor, and now is definitely not the time to make any changes. Let's keep the momentum going, let's re-elect Eddie Favre Mayor, Bay St. Louis."

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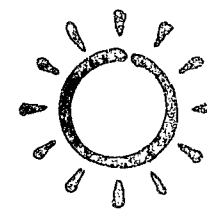
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Hancock women offer 'Zoo by Boat'

The Hancock Womens Club will host a "Zoo by Boat" trip to Audubon Zoo in New Orleans from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7.

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Red Beans & Rice Cook-off winners

12th annual event raises thousands for Cancer Society

ECHO STAFF REPORT
Beans were eaten Monday. Lots of beans. Beans, beans and more beans. More beans than you've ever seen.

The twelfth annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-off at the Hancock County Civic Center Monday was a huge success, bringing in thousands of dollars to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Beans for the Cook-off participants were furnished by Camellia Brands. The participants supplied the rice and 'secret' ingredients.

Participants were divided into four categories: Government, restaurants, organizations and businesses.

The fundraiser began 12 years ago and continues to grow and increase proceeds for the Cancer Society. The general chairman for this year's event was Hancock County Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner. More than \$10,000 was raised last year.

Among the original organizers of the first Cook-off were Janet McQueen, Anne Schmidt Andry and Basil Kennedy.

A plaque was awarded to Camellia Bean Distribution for their years of participation by donating all of the beans.

Winners included:
Golden Bean Award
Best Overall: City of Bay St. Louis.

People's Choice Awards
Business: Prudential-Gardner Real Estate.
Industry: University of Southern Mississippi.

Government: Board of Supervisors.

Restaurant: Jackie O's Cafe.

Judges' Awards
Business: Hancock County Exchange Club.

Industry: Calgon Carbon.

Government: City of Bay St. Louis.

Restaurant: Broke Spoke.

Creative Bean Award: Mark and Leslie Palmer.

Best Decorated: Ashman Mollere.



The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce sent its "Bean Queens" to this year's event. For some reason, they didn't want their names in the newspaper (but they look suspiciously like the Chamber's Helen Gaines, Carleen Moran and Peggy Rutherford).



... And the Bean Kings for the second year in a row, the city of Bay St. Louis's Mayor Eddie Favre, left; Assistant Police Chief Dave Stepro and Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie, joined by Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, center.

Pass annual Blessing of the Fleet is this Sunday

BY ED LEPOMA

Pass Christian's annual Blessing of the Fleet is scheduled for this Sunday, April 29.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the celebration, and organizers promise a good time will be had by those on land and at sea.

The blessing this year is dedicated to the memory of the late Clarence Peterson, a well-known Pass Christian fisherman.

Festivities begin at noon on the east side of the Municipal Harbor, and continue until 4 p.m. Keith Hoda and the Country Sounds will again provide the music, and there will be plenty to eat, including hot dogs, hamburgers and polish sausage. Judges for this year's blessing are: state Reps. Diane Peranich and Jim Simpson, state Sen. Scottie Cuevas,

Harrison County Chancery Court Clerk John McAdams; and Joe Zeigler, chief of staff of the state Department of Marine Resources.

Father Dennis Carver of St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Rev. Kyle Bennett of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Long Beach will bless the boats passing in parade from the deck of John Dane's Showdown yacht. Prizes will be awarded

for best decorated pleasure boat and for small, medium and large commercial boats.

Pass Christian Alderman-at-large Leo "Chipper" McDermott said he wanted to thank the merchants who helped with prize donations. He added he had special help organizing this year's celebration from Margie Shroeder, harbormaster J.J. Lasabbe, Trey Campbell, Brenda Netto and Daryl Pepper.

House arrest planned for juveniles

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

Hancock County will try house arrest for juveniles in efforts to stem rising costs of detaining them at a jail in Hattiesburg.

Youth Court Judge Robin Gibson came before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Monday, and convinced them to use the benefits of a contract already in place with the Alternative Sentencing and Arrest Program (ASAP), a local firm now owned by Keith Switzer.

Gibson said she only learned last week that a house arrest program was operating in Hancock County that could monitor juvenile offenders for \$6 a day.

"But, none of my parents want to pay. They just want to get them (the juveniles) out of their house," said Gibson.

Currently, the county pays \$75 a day to use the juvenile facility in Forrest County, but the \$21,900-a-year allocation provides only one bed, 365 days a year for one juvenile. If more space is needed, the charge for detaining each extra juvenile

from Hancock County is \$60 a day.

County Comptroller Patty Greer-Hammons told supervisors it is only the seventh month of the fiscal year, and the county needed to amend the budget because it has already spent \$16,000 over the \$21,900 allocated for detaining juveniles.

Chancery Court Clerk and County administrator Tim Kellar explained there were also "soft costs" associated with using the Hattiesburg facility.

"The sheriff has to use salaried deputies to transport them back and forth, and there's also the cost of gasoline and other expenses," Kellar said.

Under the house arrest program, a person who is ruled eligible must have a home telephone and a fixed schedule. A lightweight transmitter and field monitoring device is attached to the person, and his goings and comings from the home are monitored from a control center through a connection made into the phone line.

Currently, those using the program in Hancock County

include those jailed for probation violations, first and second DUI's, for public intoxication, shoplifting, check fraud, prostitution and other minor charges. The monitoring firm can also provide alcohol and drug testing.

Red Cross to offer lifeguard training class

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training.

Lifeguard candidates must be 15 years or older and pass a pre-course test consisting of a 500-yard swim, treading water, and deep water retrieval.

The course is slated to begin Saturday, May 5 and will be taught at St. Stanislaus.

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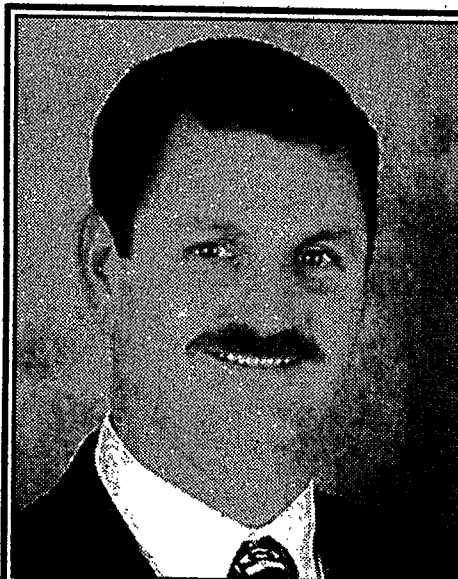
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

I guess I am all 'beaned out' following the Red Beans & Rice Cook-off Monday.

The participation and turnout was tremendous for the big American Cancer Society's fund raiser held at the Hancock County Civic Center.

Over the years I have been a judge several times, and I can tell you one thing for sure, the competition is getting better each year. Circuit Court Judge Steve Simpson, Paul La Violette, Starr Chapman and I, the judges, had a very challenging task in the selection of the winners in each category.

As far as I am concerned, all of the competitors, even the rookies, did a tremendous job in preparation of the area's regular Monday menu.

Interesting is the different taste and 'secret' ingredients used by the contestants.

Jimmie Ladner Jr., the general chairman for the fund raiser, needs to be commended for his tremendous job along with all of his committee members.

The county crews need to be commended, too, for the preparation of the grounds for the cook-off. They worked hard last week in making the necessary preparations.

By the way, there are not too many fund raisers where you see a U.S. Congressman, his wife and staff participating like our own Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis.

I think it is great that Ladner reported that he will be back next year as general chairman of the cook-off.

Thanks to everyone for their help and support for the American Cancer Society's fund raiser.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce April *Business After Hours* will be this evening from 5 to 7 at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

Cellular South is the sponsor, and I have been told by Cary Trapani there will be some good snacks and refreshments.

As usual, there will be several door prizes.

Be sure to bring along a couple of business cards.

The *After Hours* is a good time to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

I hope to see you this evening at the *After Hours*.

Saturday was a big day for the Coleman Avenue Coalition's 'Spring Clean Fling.'

There was a great turnout for the cleanup and some very fancy painted barrels in the trash can painting contest.

It is good to see the folks with businesses joining hands to help improve their business district.

When I was a youngster, Coleman Avenue was the heart of activity for the Town of Waveland. That has been many years ago, so I guess I am getting old, but it is great to see the business owners taking pride and trying to bring Coleman Avenue to where it was some 50 or so years ago.

Waveland is now a city, and with the help and cooperation of all, anything is possible.

Congratulations are in order for all the barrel painters. You all gave a real challenge to the judges.

The trash cans should be seen along the beach for many years to come.

The Diamondhead Business & Professional Association's general meeting will be this morning from 8 to 9 at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Guest speaker will be Dr. William Lewis, president of Pearl River Community College. This is a good time to hear how PRC can help the merchants and businesses in Diamondhead and the rest of Hancock County.

Also, the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association *Business After Hours* will be Friday, April 27, 5 to 7 p.m. at Malley's Store All, located at the corner of Kapalama Drive and Tina Ladner Road, out the back gate of Diamondhead. Hosts will be David and Janene Malley.

Herbert — no prized gift to the nation

Curt Hebert, best remembered in state Capitol circles here as the bumptious young Coast lawmaker in the late 1980s who got into a fistfight with a black lawmaker amid a House committee meeting, is now on a hot seat at the federal level as the Bush Administration's top energy regulator.

The brash former Jackson County legislator had surprisingly landed in the job of chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission through the patronage of his fellow GOP pal, Sen. Trent Lott. Suddenly, FERC has become a key player in the California energy crisis.

Hebert's provocative manner and contemptuous handling of the power woes of the nation's largest state — with almost 20 per cent of the U.S. economy — has drawn bitter protests from Western state Congressional members from both sides of the aisle.

Because of heavy pressure on President Bush from the energy-strapped West to remove Hebert as FERC chairman, reports out of Washington say that Bush, who earlier this year named him chairman, will push Hebert aside and replace him with Pat Wood, chairman of the Texas Utility Commission, whose ability is nationally recognized.

But Bush is butting heads with Lott, the Senate Majority Leader who wants to keep his boy, Hebert, in the FERC slot. That should be an interesting confrontation. Using Republican connections stemming all the way back to his mother — Ann Hebert, a long-time state GOP woman's leader, Hebert, after his four-year stint in the Legislature, has in recent years plucked several political job plums at the state, and now a top federal

level, and he's still only 38 years old.

When the Southern district seat on the Mississippi Public Service Commission unexpectedly came open in January, 1992 after the just-elected commissioner was forced to resign over an alleged campaign fund violation, then state Rep. Hebert, with Lott's help, conned Republican Gov. Kirk Fordice into appointing him to the job despite legislative contention an election should be called.

At 29, Hebert became the youngest Public Service Commissioner in the nation.

Hebert barely won re-election to the state PSC in 1995 over a weak, corruption-tainted Democratic opponent, but better things were in store for him in Washington shortly at the hands of his patron, Trent Lott.

A year or so later, in 1997, Lott yanked Hebert up to Washington to take one of the two seats on FERC allotted to Republicans, then the out-of-power party. Hebert's appointment, incidentally, had to be signed off on by President Clinton in an undisclosed quid pro quo with Lott.

As Californians have already discovered, ex-Mississippian Hebert is no prized gift to the nation.

At the time he was first put on the commission, the appointment of the brash young Hebert aroused little attention, since FERC itself had long been considered a low-profile federal bureaucracy.

That changed dramatically when soaring energy prices and power shortages hit California last year and the state turned to Washington for relief. FERC,

with broad, arcane, powers over interstate electric transmission, was the only agency to deal with.

When the Bush Administration took office back in January, the previous FERC chairman from the Clinton Administration resigned and Lott quickly got Bush to move Hebert up as FERC chairman.

Consequently, Hebert was thrust into center stage of California's energy crisis, very quickly infuriating Golden State officials.

With the same abrasiveness Mississippi lawmakers remember, Hebert suggested California's soaring energy prices and shortages were its own doing and not a national problem.

As rolling blackouts emanating from California spread along the Pacific coast, criticism of Hebert's style and intransigent views began to mount.

Legislation initially sponsored by California's two

Democratic Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, to put price caps on wholesale power supplies picked up backing from other western lawmakers, among them Oregon's Republican Sen. Gordon H. Smith. Hebert is adamantly opposed to any price cap.

The Los Angeles Times reported that when California's congressional delegation confronted Hebert in a heated closed-door session, some lawmakers afterwards said Hebert acted indifferent to the state's energy crisis. Gov. Gray Davis of California called Hebert a "rigid adherent to ideology" because of his staunch free-market stand.

Recently Hebert observed that California should "start

putting shovels in the ground," indicating the state needed to build more electric generating plants. New York Times economic columnist Paul Krugman pointed out that seven generating plants are already under construction in California and Hebert's abstinence against capping prices worsens the problem of "how to get through the summer."

The 1988 episode when Hebert back in his state legislative days, got into fistcuffs was recounted for me by former Rep. Ray Vecchio of Gautier, who saw the whole affair.

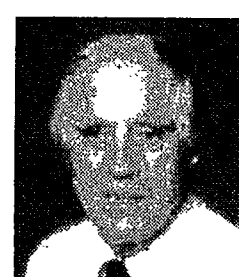
According to Vecchio, members of the Jackson delegation had gathered in a committee room just off the House chamber when Hebert burst into the room late, then started accusing Democratic then-Rep. Mitch Ellerby, of Moss Point, of spending too much time socializing with women and neglecting county concerns.

Ellerby, says Vecchio, fired back that "if you (Hebert) stopped spending so much time socializing with girl pages you might be able to attend to county business."

Thereupon, Hebert threw a chair across the table, hitting Ellerby a glancing blow. "Then both of them climbed up on top of the committee room table, and began pummeling each other with their fists."

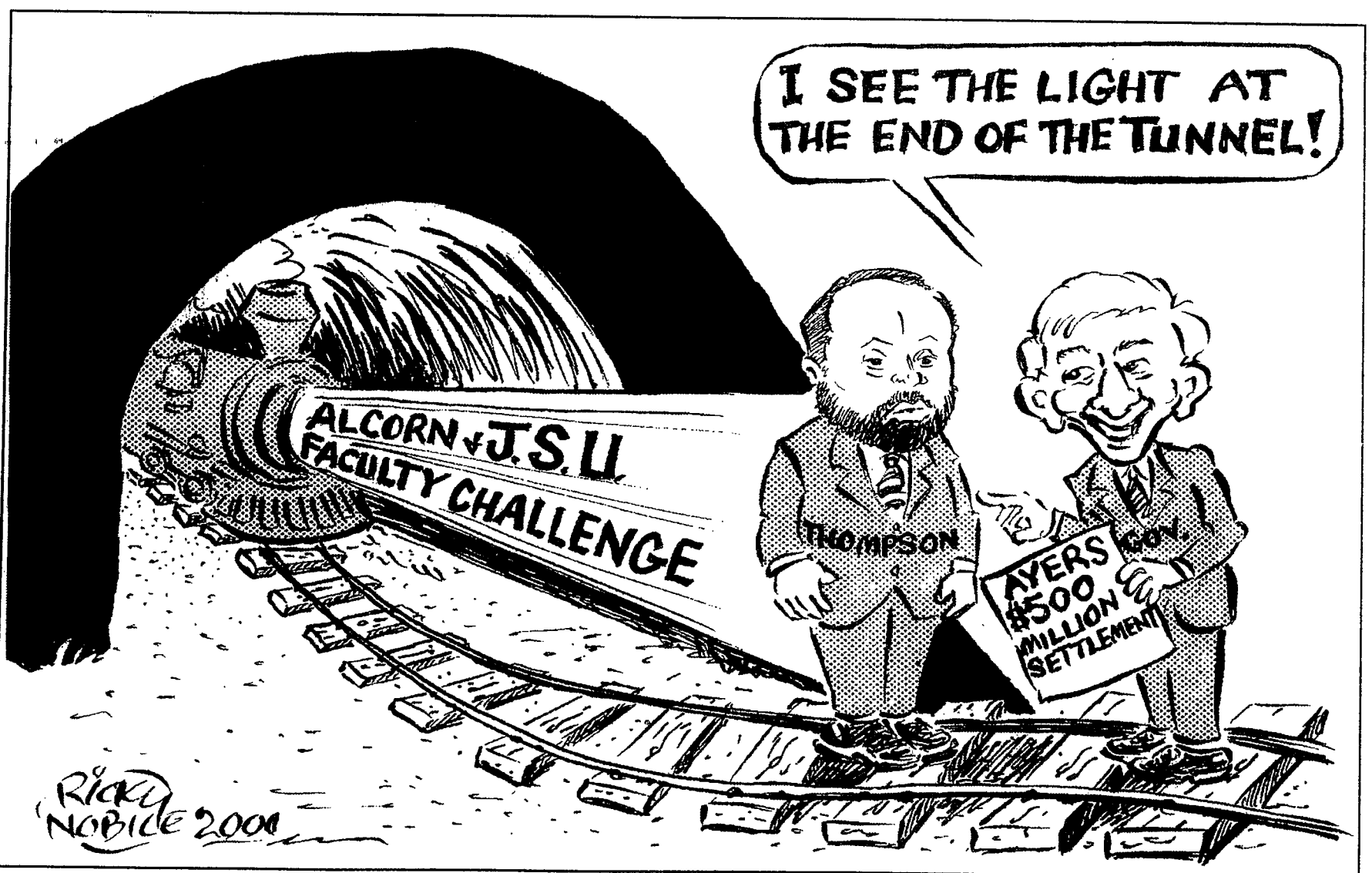
Vecchio said he and two other lawmakers present were unable to break up the fight, and it was not until the House sergeant-at-arms was summoned, along with a husky visitor, that they were able to tear the two apart. Hebert's face was bloody, Vecchio recalls.

Now Hebert finds himself trying to dodge blows from angry energy-starved westerners with his pal, Trent Lott, acting as his second. Oddsmakers say he won't last.



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
GENERAL

Q When must an "appearance bond fee" be collected?

A Section 83-39-31 requires a fee of \$20 or 2% of any appearance bond posted (whichever amount is higher).

This fee must be paid upon conviction; except when a cash bond is posted with the court clerk; then the fee is deposited in advance and refunded if there is no conviction. This fee

is not charged if no bond is posted.

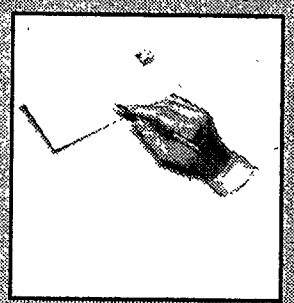
Q When a disaster area has been declared under Section 33-15-49, may a municipality or county affected by the disaster request and receive aid from other municipalities and counties not affected by the disaster?

A Yes, if the municipalities and counties not affected by the disaster are capable and willing to furnish needed services. (§33-15-49)

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



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Our Guard's commitment

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Let me give you an idea of how active and outstanding your Mississippi National Guard has been during the past year.

*** Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery:** Folks in Washington

DMR receives Keep Miss. Beautiful Award

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) was honored in Jackson recently for its role in coordinating the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, which takes place each year on the third Saturday in September in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup.

Lauren Thompson, the DMR's public relations director, was presented with a prestigious Outstanding Community Achievement Award April 17 at the Keep Mississippi Beautiful/People Against Litter ninth annual awards luncheon at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson.

"This award represents the efforts of the Department of Marine Resources, the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, and the thousands of volunteers who cared enough about their environment to come out, take action, and make a difference by cleaning up the shorelines and waterways of the Mississippi Gulf Coast," Thompson said.

The event raises public awareness about the issues of litter and marine debris. More than 2,940 volunteers picked up 2,740 bags of trash, totaling 34 tons along about 70 miles of coastal waterways in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties. Volunteers collect data, which is compiled and submitted to the Center for Marine Conservation for analysis.

This year's Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is set for Saturday, September 15, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact the DMR at 228-374-5000.

Usher named 'outstanding' at Bainsbridge College

Dr. Millie Usher of Clermont Harbor was awarded Outstanding Professor of the Year last Thursday night at the honors ceremony at Bainsbridge College, Georgia, where she has taught for the past 24 years.

She was also recognized at the Red Cross awards ceremony in Bainsbridge last week for her 36 years of service to them.

Dr. Usher plans to retire in Clermont Harbor this summer where her family has lived for more than 50 years.



FROM THE SENATE

By State Senator
Trent Lott

million of drugs from the streets of our state. Through the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy at Meridian, they have trained more than 4,200 law enforcement officers from 33 states in counterdrug skills.

*** The 172nd Airlift Wing:** This unit continues to live up to its reputation as one of the Air Force's best units. In the past year, the 172nd continued monthly support flights for U.S. embassies in South America, brought home sailors injured in the attack on the USS Cole, provided regular support for medical operations, and even found time to help support the King and Queen of Spain during their recent trip to Jackson.

*** The 102nd Airlift Wing:** Members of this unit deployed to Bosnia in April 2000 as part of the coalition public affairs team in Tuzla.

*** The 41st Army Band:** Last year, this group served as Mississippi's ambassadors in Bolivia and Brazil – their second overseas tour. The first was to Morocco in 1992.

*** The 631st Field Artillery:** The unit is currently deployed in Germany.

*** The 2nd of the 20th Special Forces Group:** This

unit has distinguished itself repeatedly by conducting a counterdrug training mission in Jamaica for the Jamaican National Police, and by providing support for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic.

The 890th Engineering Battalion: This outfit was deployed to Belize last April and did an outstanding job of building badly needed schools and clinics.

These are but a few of our Mississippi National Guard's recent missions and recognitions. Remember, these men and women are our neighbors, our co-workers, people who attend school or church with us.

Take a moment to thank them for the outstanding job they do and the sacrifices made by themselves and their family. Tell them that you appreciate their continuance of Mississippi's long commitment to the protection of freedom at home and abroad.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attention: Press Office)



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Bay St. Louis

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General Manager Todd Raziano of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis presents a check for \$500 to Becky Rotundo, chairman of the 2001 Christmas in April. The money was donated from a charity slot tournament.

Christmas in April gets under way Apr. 28

Christmas in April Hancock County will renovate six Hancock County homes on National Rebuilding Day, Saturday, April 29.

More than 200 volunteers are expected to turn out in Hancock County. They will be part of an estimated 245,000 people donating their time and skills nationwide.

Christmas in April, a national non-profit organization, annually provides one day of home rehabilitation services to ensure low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, live in warmth, safety and independence.

"Christmas in April follows the concept of an old-fashioned barn-raising," said Becky Rotundo, chair, Christmas in April Hancock County. "People of all skill levels and from all walks of life unite for one day to rebuild our community, one house at a time."

The projects incorporate interior and exterior renovation including painting, yard cleanup and debris removal, landscaping, plumbing and some structural repair.

Hancock County home projects and sponsors are: Home of Daisy Bell, Bay St. Louis. Sponsor: Navy at Stennis

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Other volunteers and sponsors include: Cellular, South Hancock Chamber of Commerce, Hancock Master Gardeners, Hancock Medical Center, John McDonald Realty, Mark Moore, Landscape Architect and Designer, Our Lady Academy, Public Relations Association of Mississippi, Mississippi Beach Chapter, Mr. and Mrs. James Seglund, St. Stanislaus College, Union Planters Bank, Whitney Bank, Waveland; and Mrs. Linda Williams.

The Christmas in April program, which is also known as Renovating America with Christmas in April, is celebrating its fifth year in Hancock County.

Nationwide there are over 240 Christmas in April affiliates operating in more than 750 cities and towns. The Hancock County program is a chapter of the Harrison County, Mississippi affiliate.

For information or to volunteer or make a donation, contact Becky Rotundo at (228) 688-5328.

Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STENNIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI
AIP PROJECT NO. 3-28-0005-1401
Sealed bids for the improvements to Stennis International Airport AIP Project No. 3-28-0005-1401 Schedule I will be received by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, 706 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 38576, until 2:00 p.m. local time, May 29, 2001, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The work involved includes the following:

Schedule I
Rehabilitate North Apron and Taxiway

A complete set of Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Airport Development Group, Inc., 1776 South Jackson Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80210 (303) 782-0882 by a non-refundable deposit of \$35.00 for each set (no refunds).

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES - The successful bidder will be required to submit a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11266 OF 24 SEPTEMBER 1965, AS AMENDED - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND TO THE PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS 49 CFR PART 26 - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION AND 49 CFR PART 30 - DENIAL OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS TO SUPPLIERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES OF COUNTRIES THAT DENY PROCUREMENT MARKET ACCESS TO U.S. CONTRACTORS (FOREIGN TRADE RESTRICTION).

The Contractor or subcontractor, by submission of an offer and/or execution of a contract, certifies that it complies with the foreign trade restrictions outlined in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum wage rates as established by the Secretary of Labor are applicable to this project.

The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications, and he/she must bid on all items of this schedule.

All bidders are advised to examine the site to become familiar with all site conditions. The project will be shown to interested bidders on May 8, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. local time, at the Airport Manager's Office, Stennis International Airport, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

It is intended to issue the Notice to Proceed for this project in the Summer of 2001.

Any questions regarding bids are to be directed to the office of Airport Development Group, Inc., Denver, Colorado (303) 782-0882; for interpretation 426-532001.

City of Bay Saint Louis
City Hall Annex - 111 Court St.

VOTE TABULATOR DEMONSTRATION

There will be a public demonstration on the vote counting equipment to be used in the May 1, 2001 election. The demonstration will be held in the office of the City Clerk at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2001.

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mike Benvenutti
Mike Haas, Jr.
Alvina Nichols

PRCC Students honored

Pearl River Community College announced among award recipients for the 2000-2001 school year are Joshua Farve of Bay St. Louis, machine shop technology; Jonathan Gagnon of Waveland, best all-around male athlete; Jessica Puchau of Bay St. Louis, best all-around female athlete; Sergiy Ivanenko and LeAnna Thornton, both of Kiln, and Paul Ladner of Pearlinton, journalism.

White wins reading fair

The Mississippi Department of Education announced winners of its third annual state reading fair.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Richard Thompson announced among the winners was Ashley White, DeLisle Elementary School, who won first place in Division B.

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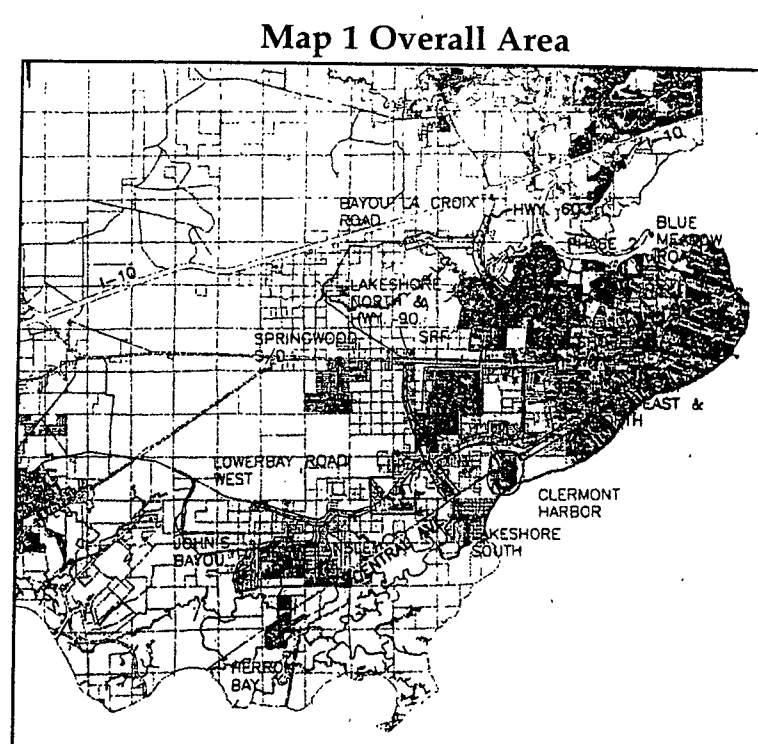
NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Hancock Water and Sewer District. The proposed project consists of providing sewer collection services to approximately 936 homes. The areas to receive these services include: Springwood Subdivision; John's Bayou Estates; Ansley Community; Heron Bay Subdivision; Lower Bay Road, East and North; Lower Bay Road West; Lakeshore North/Hwy 90; Lakeshore South; Blue Meadow Road; Shoreline Park Area and Bayou La Croix Road.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is reflected in the content of the Environmental Assessment. In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Development will require the applicant the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposed projects design: 1. All applicable permits must be obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Corps of Engineers. Rural Development must receive a copy of any required permits. 2. During construction, if evidence of any listed endangered species is found, all activities must cease the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services must be contacted for further guidance. 3. The Hancock County Water and Sewer District must provide a copy of its adopted ordinance which sets forth the restrictions imposed on newly constructed buildings within the established 100-year floodplain.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at the Rural Development Area Office located at 132 Mayfair Road, Suite C, Hattiesburg, MS. For further information, please contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist at 601-261-3293.

A general location map of the proposed project area is shown below.



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Zoning appeals fee put on hold again

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Like a bouncing ball, the proposed \$500 fee for appealing zoning decisions is back in the lap of Hancock County supervisors.

After being confronted by a small, but vocal group of angry citizens, the Board of Supervisors Monday backed off recommendations it had made last month, asking the county Planning and Zoning Commission to implement the fee.

Willie Gavney, the county's chief building official and zoning enforcement officer, told supervisors, at the board's insistence, the Planning Commission adopted the \$500 appeals fee at its April 5 meeting by a vote of 4-1, and it automatically goes into effect within 90 days unless supervisors act to overturn it. Gavney said Commissioner Mike Favre voted against the fee. The appeals fee was first suggested last January by county attorney Gerald Gex, who told supervisors it was costing the county money each time an aggrieved party appeals a zoning decision, first to supervisors, then ultimately to Circuit Court.

Gex said the average appeal costs between \$300 and \$400,

mostly for a court reporter and transcripts made at the public hearing before supervisors. But, he said, others that are dragged out in circuit court cost the county more because sometimes it requires hiring and paying an outside attorney to represent the county in court.

Supervisors first sent the proposal to the Planning Commission, and it held a public hearing in February on the suggested \$500 fee. The Commission was confronted then by some of the same citizens who came to Monday's meeting to complain the charge was a burden for everyone, especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes.

After that hearing, commissioners sent a recommendation to supervisors, and suggested an appeals fee of \$100 instead of \$500. However, in March, supervisors rejected that recommendation, and reiterated their support of the \$500 fee, sending it back to the Planning Commission for concurrence. The vote was 4-1 with board President Rocky Pullman voting against it.

Before the Monday meeting, supervisors learned there remained an organized campaign to defeat the proposed fee. Martin DeSalvo, who has

involved the board in a property dispute off Harbor Drive, fired off a letter to the Echo, protesting the charge, and notified the board he was complaining to Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor.

Desalvo, who has been ill, was not at the meeting Monday, but Barbara Foreman told supervisors she had a petition signed by about 36 property owners objecting to the "excessive fee." Although only four people showed up to oppose the fee at Monday's meeting, she said "there were thousands who should be here," but they couldn't take off work to attend.

Albert Weiss has followed the fee battle since it began, and he returned again Monday. He implied something might be wrong with the way the county's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance is being interpreted. "You have to wonder why so many people are filing appeals," said Weiss.

Michael Smith told supervisors he owned land off Hwy. 603 and up north, and he could afford to pay the fee should he need to appeal, but he thought a charge should be placed up front when the process begins.

"I don't think anybody should just be able to come up to the zoning board and ask for a vari-

ance or some other change and not pay for it," said Smith. He suggested an application fee of between \$50 and \$125.

Later, Gavney said there already was an upfront fee of \$125, which is paid by an applicant requesting a zoning change that requires a public hearing.

Earl Ainsworth called the proposed fee "unscrupulous." He said it would hurt a lot of people, especially the elderly and disabled, and supervisors should provide some kind of exception for them.

Under the proposal, parties would be required to pay a \$500 fee when they notify supervisors they plan to appeal a decision of the Planning Commission and are requesting a public hearing. The appealing party would be charged for the actual cost of the proceedings and would be returned the balance if the cost is below the \$500. District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner said he thought the county should think about imposing one fee for appeals involving homes and another fee for commercial ventures.

"Let's put it on hold until we can come up with something better," said Pullman, ending the debate which went on almost an hour.

Pass Christian Fishing Rodeo scheduled May 5

Knights of Columbus Council 4472 will sponsor its first annual Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, May 5, at Pass Christian West Harbor.

It will be a day of family fun, with live bands, games for the children, and door prizes, as well as prizes for several categories of fish. While attendance for the day is free, tickets to participate in the rodeo and prize drawings are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

Additionally, a valid Mississippi fishing license will be a requisite for all participants who are required by law to obtain one, and the licenses will be available, along with rodeo tickets, at the harbor from 3 p.m. until dark on May 4 and from dawn until 9 a.m. on May 5. Tickets are also available in advance at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce office after 1 p.m. weekdays; at Aqua Turf, at the intersection of Pineville Road and Menge Avenue; and at Perry's Lounge by the Sea on Highway 90, as well as from members of Monsignor Leech Council of Knights of Columbus.

Trophies will be awarded for first and second place winners in all categories, and first place winners also will receive tackle boxes and lures.

Categories for saltwater fish include redfish, flounder, speckled trout, croaker and cobia

(lemon fish). Freshwater categories are bass, catfish, white perch and bream/perch. A large ice chest also will be awarded for the heaviest fish.

Competition begins at dawn on Saturday, May 5, and weighing will begin at noon and close promptly at 6 p.m. Serving as weigh master will be Pass Christian Alderman Chipper McDermott, and Mayor Billy McDonald will be honorary

King Fisherman.

All participants, on weighing their catch, must display both their Mississippi fishing license and their ticket stub to be eligible for prizes. Beginning at noon, there will be a drawing by a local celebrity every 15 minutes from the ticket stubs of participants in the rodeo for some 50 door prizes. At 2 p.m., Mayor McDonald will present Fishing Rodeo Princess Rachel

McDonald and former Miss Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo queens and princesses representing Pass Christian. Several live bands will perform throughout the day, and putt-putt contests are scheduled for both children and adults. Food and drinks will be available for sale throughout the day. Everyone is invited. All proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Council 4472. For details, call (228) 452-9930.

Ladies VFW Auxiliary marches on Vicksburg

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Mississippi, held its March 30 Council of Administration/School of Instruction at the Battlefield Inn in Vicksburg, according to State President Dianne Brown of Aberdeen.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW members from across the state were on hand to hear reports from state chairmen.

Bobbie Howell, National District Council #19 member, made her official visit to the Department of Mississippi. She was elected to represent Mississippi and Louisiana on the National Council of Administration which governs the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars between national conventions.

Howell was installed at the 86th national convention in Kansas City, Mo. and is serving the last year of her two-year term as one of 28 representatives who make up the national council, along with the top seven national officers, the national chief of staff and the four junior past national presidents. Howell joined the auxiliary on the eligibility of her husband Dewitt who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. She is a member of Fort Robinette Auxiliary 3962 in Corinth and has served in several capacities for the organization including auxiliary, district and state president.

She was Department color bearer twice, served four terms as auxiliary secretary and trea-

surer, and when she served as district membership chairman, the membership increased to 110%.

She is employed as a realtor, holding the designations of General Real Estate Institute (GRI) and Council of Residential Specialist (CRS).

She has served as secretary and parliamentarian for the local Board of Realtors. She is also a member of the state and national Board of Realtors.

Cindy Schoonmaker serves as auxiliary president in Bay St. Louis, and members of Auxiliary No. 3253 expected to attend the Council of Administration Meeting/School of Instruction are Cindy Schoonmaker and Barbara Schloegel.

Fugitive -- captured at Diamondhead

Continued from Page 1A

Karl checked the rural area of the county and discovered the fugitive was self-employed in lawn maintenance in the Diamondhead area," Lambert said.

Lambert continued, "Deputy Al Herman, who works the Diamondhead area, was summoned and given a description of the suspect and his vehicle. Around 4:15 p.m. Friday we were summoned by Deputy

Herman that he had the suspect and his vehicle stopped in the Diamondhead business district."

Lambert said, "The fugitive was using the name of Johnny Williams locally and said he had been in the area for some seven years. They determined by tattoos, etc., that the suspect was really Randall L. Magee, 46, who was using the alias."

Police records indicate

Magee had been sentenced several times on federal charges involving drugs and had an extensive arrest record back to 1973 in Baton Rouge, Lambert said.

The suspect was then taken to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility where he was placed on hold for U.S. Marshals.

Magee was picked up by U.S. Marshals out of Biloxi on

Monday afternoon. Fingerprints of Magee sent to the U.S. Marshals matched Magee, Lambert said.

When Magee was stopped, he had no Mississippi driver's license and was driving on a suspended Colorado license. Lambert said an investigation is still open at the local level in regards to Magee.

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GEORGE ARMSTRONG
George Wesley Armstrong, 77, of Diamondhead, died Friday, April 20, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Armstrong was a native of Kentucky and a resident of Diamondhead for the past nine years. He was of the Methodist faith and served in the United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Durward M. and Irene Kinman Armstrong; and a brother, Robbie Armstrong.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Thomas Armstrong of Diamondhead; five sons, Steven Armstrong of Diamondhead, Richard Armstrong of Long Beach, Roger Joe Armstrong of Champagne, Ill., Jerry Armstrong of Indianapolis, Ind., and James Armstrong of Champagne, Ill.; a daughter, Margaret English of Diamondhead; five brothers, Nelson, Basil and Dwayne Armstrong, all of Patriot, Ind., Lynn Armstrong of Rising Sun, Ind. and Hallie Armstrong of Indianapolis, Ind.; two sisters, Arbana Harris of Patriot, Ind. and Donita Armstrong of Florence, Ind.; and 16 grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted today, April 26 at 6 p.m. at Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

EDWARD R. BREUN, JR.
Edward R. Breun, Jr., 60, of Kiln, died Sunday, April 22, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Breun was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Hancock County since 1971 and was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln. He was a self-employed electrician for 25 years before being employed by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department as jailer for the past 12 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Raymond and Melba Naoma Muller Breun, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Lynn Breun of Kiln; four sons, Steven V. Breun, Sr. of Kiln, Mark R. Breun, Sr. of Bay St. Louis, Daniel A. Breun and James A. Breun, both of Kiln; a brother, Raymond Edward Breun of Metairie; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Interment will be private.

LANIER DAVIS
Lanier Davis, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, died Friday, April 13, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Services are pending at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

E. EMBOULAS, JR.
Eldridge Marious Emboulas, Jr., 68, of Waveland, died Monday, April 23, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Emboulas was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Waveland for the past 15 years.

He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eldridge Emboulas, III; and his parents, Eldridge M. and Delia Dwyer Emboulas, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Alicia Miller Emboulas of Waveland; two sons, Emile Emboulas of Metairie and Randy Emboulas of Long Beach; a stepson, Raymond Gary of Slidell; three daughters, Rae Smith and Brenda Montomat, both of Metairie, and Darlene Bullock of Waveland; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

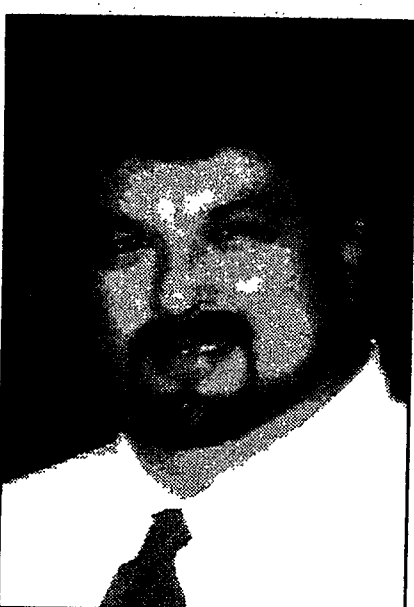
Visitation was Wednesday at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland followed by celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in Restlawn Park Cemetery, Avondale, La.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

GLORIS H. HAAS

Gloris Helen Haas, 68, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Her body was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home in New Orleans for services and burial.



T. KINGSTON, SR.

Timothy Joseph Kingston, Sr., 42, of Waveland, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001, in Waveland.

Mr. Kingston was a native of Bay St. Louis and a resident of Waveland. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and Sons of The American Legion Sponsor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nolan Kingston, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Aime Kingston of Waveland; two sons, Timothy J. Kingston, Jr. and Trevor A. Kingston, both of Waveland; two daughters, Tiffany L. Kingston and Tess M. Kingston, both of Waveland; his mother, Nola Kingston King of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Nolan Kingston, Jr. of Gulfport and Kevin L. Kingston of Slidell; and two sisters, Jacqueline K. Kidd of Bay St. Louis and Shirley Ann Kelley of Pass Christian.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 28, 10-11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by celebration of mass. Interment will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to Quality Hospice, 999 Howard Ave., Suite 1, Biloxi, MS 39530 or Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

H. LAFONTAINE

Huguette Cuisinot LaFontaine, 74, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, April 22, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. LaFontaine was a native of Vincennes, France and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our

Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton S. LaFontaine; and her father, Maurice Cuisinot.

Survivors include three sons, Allan LaFontaine of Long Beach and Steven and Henry LaFontaine, both of Bay St. Louis; five daughters, Helen LaFontaine Moran of Bay St. Louis; Peggy LaFontaine Averhart of Long Beach and Denise LaFontaine Mikovlje, Michele LaFontaine Henry and Lorraine LaFontaine Smith, all of Bay St. Louis; her mother, Germaine Cuisinot Goulet of California; and two brothers, Pierre and Henri Cuisinot, both of California, 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

J. LAFONTAINE

Jeanette M. LaFontaine, 62, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Ms. LaFontaine was a native of Pass Christian and a parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ory and Lydia Fayard LaFontaine; a brother, Leroy LaFontaine; and a sister, Ruth Ann Pacek.

Survivors include a brother, Larry LaFontaine of Pass Christian.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by burial in Cedar Rest Cemetery.

DYMPLES S. LEE

Dymples S. Lee, 65, of Waveland, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, in Waveland.

Services are pending at Hulet Winstead Funeral Home in Hattiesburg. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis handled local arrangements.

VINCENT MINNAERT

Vincent Lawrence Minnaert, 78, of Diamondhead, died Friday, April 20, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Minnaert was a native of Madison, S.D. and a resident of Diamondhead. He was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln and an active member of the Annunciation Parish Men's Club. He was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, past officer of the DMGA and past officer of the Diamondhead Community Association. Mr. Minnaert was a life member of the DAV and was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Army. He retired after 30 years as a quality engineer at Boeing Aerospace Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Isabell Nugent Minnaert; and a brother, Harold R. Minnaert.

Survivors include his wife, Carol L. Minnaert of Diamondhead; a son, Lawrence R. Minnaert of Diamondhead; two daughters, Kathleen More of Slidell and Paulette Mire of Huntsville, Texas; a sister, Lavonne Schwitzer of St. Paul, Minn.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Kiln.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

James Brown entertains at Magic

"I feel good..." will be heard throughout the night at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, Sunday, April 29. Join the legendary "Godfather of Soul" for just \$35, \$40 & \$45 as he sings all of his greatest hits in the Magic Entertainment Complex. It's one show only at 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster Outlet.

Over a 39-year period, James Brown amassed an amazing total of 98 entries on Billboard's top 40 R&B singles Charts, a record unsurpassed by any other artist. Seventeen of them reached number one, a feat topped only by Stevie Wonder and Louis Jordan, and equaled only by Aretha Franklin.

Brown scored his first Top 10 pop single in 1965 with "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag", and the hits kept coming for the next decade, one after another at an unheard-of rate.

The gospel and blues structure of his early records gave way to open-ended vamps that emphasized his rhythmically riveting sandpaper vocals and the complex funk syncopations of his band.

His innovations during this period had a profound influence on popular music styles around the world, including funk, rock, Afro-pop, disco and eventually rap.

James Brown's status as "The Godfather of Soul" remains undiminished.

Indeed, he has picked up a new generation of fans who have become familiar with his funk grooves through their frequent use as samples on rap records.

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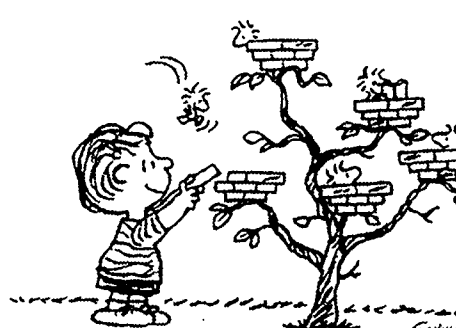
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BUSINESS NEWS



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Grand opening

Corrigan Travel, Inc., a full service travel agency located at 412 Highway 90, Suite 7, Bay St. Louis, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday. Participants in the event included Carleen Moran, Beth Carrere, Jody Compretta, Jay Lagasse, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Dee Marshall, owners Alicia and Gaines Crawford, Ida Macurick, Helen Gaines, Joyce Whitfield and Dusty Rhodes.

Credit unions to meet

Managers, volunteers and staff from Mississippi's 122 credit unions will hold its 64th annual meeting and convention April 26-28 at the Grand Bayview Hotel in Biloxi.

The annual Elwyn Pope Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by CUNA Mutual Group, will kick off the convention weekend. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove will give the convention's keynote address Friday morning.

Dan Mica, president/CEO of the Credit Union National Association, will also speak at Friday's session. Other speakers include Charles Petty, nationally renowned motivational speaker; Alonzo Swann, Region III director of the National Credit Union Administration; and John Allison, commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance.

The Mississippi Credit Union

System raises the majority of its Credit Union Legislative Action Council (CULAC) funds during this annual three-day event.

The annual meeting will kick off the year-long challenge, counting on the competitive drive between credit unions to be in the top five credit unions on a percentage basis to meet or exceed their goal.

The league anticipates raising over \$10,000 during this meeting.

The Mississippi Credit Union System is the state trade association for 122 credit unions in Mississippi with more than 425,000 member owners and combined assets in excess of \$1.5 billion.

Nationwide, there are over 10,800 credit unions, which are owned by more than 80 million consumer members. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives.

Nissan accepting applications by mail

The process for hiring the bulk of the workforce for the Nissan plant near Canton begins this weekend, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

Application information may be obtained from any office of MESC statewide.

The production technician job requires at least 18 months of work experience, and Nissan prefers industrial or factory experience.

An applicant must have the ability to read, write and do basic math and be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must be able to work any shift and be able to work in a smoke-free and drug-free environment.

Starting pay is \$13.25 per hour with regular increases to \$20 per hour. Qualified applicants will attend an unpaid pre-employment training prior to hiring.

The application process will be by mail only. Persons wishing to apply must request an application by mailing a self-addressed, stamped 4 1/8 inch X 9 1/2 inch #10 envelope containing their name, address and telephone number to: Mississippi Employment Security Commission, P.O. Box 1247, Canton, MS 39046.

Requests for the application must be postmarked by June 30, and the completed applications must be returned by July 30.

"There is tremendous excitement in the state about working for Nissan," said MESC Executive Director Curt Thompson. He estimates that the agency may receive as many as 100,000 applications for the 2,000 initial jobs. To handle the influx of applications MESC has set up a Nissan unit headed by veteran employee Jamie Graham.

The unit will screen the applications to ensure they

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State tourism blitz targets Georgia

Mississippi Development Authority, Division of Tourism is capitalizing on the state's proven ability to attract Georgia visitors with the launch of a week-long Mississippi Tourism Blitz in Atlanta. Special activities are planned to target area residents and travel professionals.

"Since 1992, Mississippi has seen an increase of Georgia visitors by about 312 percent, and that is a significant number," said Darlene Wilson, director of the Mississippi Division of Tourism.

"With that many Georgians visiting our state, we wanted to personally invite them back to Mississippi and spread the word to those who have not experienced Mississippi."

In 1992, there were approximately 164,700 Georgians traveling to Mississippi, and by 1999, that number had increased to 679,930, according to DK Shifflet research.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Vicksburg area attracted the most Georgia visitors in 1999 and 2000 based on DK Shifflet and the Mississippi Division of Tourism research.

Mississippi is a convenient and affordable destination spot for visitors seeking a change of pace. Research conducted by the state revealed that 32 million people visited Mississippi in 1999. The study also showed an 11.1% increase in overnight stays. People are not just passing through; they are staying for the weekend.

Mississippi tourism, up nine percent in 2000, contributed more than \$6 billion to Mississippi's economy and is the second largest employer in the state's service sector.

The average travel party expenditures in Mississippi by Georgia visitors were the highest of any Southern state in 1999 and 2000.

Georgia travel groups on average, spent \$934 in Mississippi on their most recent 1999 trip to this state, and spent \$947 during their most recent 2000 visit to the state.

By comparison, out-of-state visitors from Florida spent on

average, \$861 per travel group during their most recent 1999 trip, and \$884 during their most recent 2000 trip, based on Mississippi Division of Tourism research.

During the blitz over 100 tourism representatives will be visiting travel professionals to deliver a taste of Mississippi in conjunction with meetings. Local residents will be targeted through various media outlets.

In addition to the Atlanta marketing blitz, Mississippi tourism recently launched a new advertising and branding campaign, Welcome to the Weekend.

The campaign targets markets within a 500-mile radius of Mississippi. It highlights the warmth and charm of Mississippi's rich cultural heritage with an innovative and dynamic spirit that intersects an emotional rhythm embracing the abundance of the state's recreational and entertainment attractions.

For more information regarding the adventures of Mississippi, visit Tourism's new, more advanced and user-friendly Web site, www.visitmississippi.org.

Adam honored

Ricky Adam has been recognized by the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors as a Top Producer.

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Members of the Hancock County division of the state Forestry Commission celebrated the agency's 75-year anniversary Monday by planting a sycamore tree at the Hancock County Civic Center.

State Forestry Commission celebrates 75th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Hancock County Mississippi Forestry Commission employees and invited guests took part in the Forestry Commission's statewide coordinated celebration of the agency's 75th anniversary by planting a sycamore seedling at the County Community Center on Longfellow. County Forester Mark Jamieson said the sycamore was selected because it is a hardy forest tree native to Mississippi. It grows statewide under a variety of conditions and is used for both commercial and ornamental purposes.

"Not only is it a beautiful shade tree, but it does very well in urban settings and storm conditions. There is a large sycamore adjacent to the Courthouse on Main Street which has gone through a few storms."

This seedling was grown at

one of the Mississippi Forestry Commission tree nurseries, which produce 40 million pine and hardwood seedlings for reforestation of private and public lands.

Mississippi is a national leader in tree planting, consistently ranking in the top three of states planting the most trees. Forestry and the Forest Products Industry account for 10% of all jobs and have a total economic value of \$11.4 billion per year in Mississippi.

The Forestry Commission is proud of its 75 years of service to the public and protection of the state's valuable forest resources. Committed to delivering quality services and assistance to both rural and urban landowners, Jamieson said, "the Forestry Commission looks forward to the continued privilege of caring for Mississippi's trees and forest."

Sheriff

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The hefty pay raise, coming as the county entered the seventh month of its fiscal year, apparently was hard for supervisors to swallow, but it required an amendment to the operating budget so Garber could be paid the new amount, retroactive to March 8, when the official census figures were announced. The Board eventually voted unanimously to amend the budget to provide the raise after being told it was mandatory.

Contacted by the Echo, Garber noted it had been several years since the Sheriff's annual salary was raised in Hancock County. He said a 1997 act passed by the state legislature tied the sheriff's pay scale into population figures, with counties of 34,000 to 45,000, calling for a salary of \$60,000-a-year.

"It might be 10 years before

the sheriff gets another raise," Garber said.

Supervisors balked earlier when Garber requested a tenure pay raise of \$1,000 for one of his employees. He said it was routine procedure to provide the \$1,000 raise each time tenured employees complete a third-year of continuous service.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour said the Board had adopted a policy of not raising the salary of any county employees in the middle of the fiscal year, and he stood by that goal.

Greer-Hammons was asked to check the sheriff's budget to see if money was available in personnel services to fund the salary hike, and to report back to the board at its May 7 meeting. "I don't have a problem if the money's there," said Seymour.

Home

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penters Scott Haines and Dave Schulte, travels the country in search of "weekend projects" which focus on maintaining and repairing a home or special enhancements to make a home individual and unique, like the Favres' patio project.

The couple was looking for a way to make their patio area more usable, especially in summer months when the heat would often drive them indoors, Thomas Favre said. Both said they enjoyed being outdoors, barbecuing and entertaining, and they wanted a cool, shady area for that purpose. One of the special problems the Favres faced was accomplishing this end while still maintaining good light in the area - thus the need for Hazelton expertise.

The couple finally settled on a plan modified from a "dream patio" that they found in a home improvement magazine, Thomas said. Plans were to finish the project on Wednesday and follow it with a crawfish

boil and beer.

The team films one to two segments a week and may do several short "spots" as they pass through an area. They filmed one such spot earlier this week at Mary Mahoney's Old French restaurant in Biloxi.

Before leaving the area the team will do one other project in the county at the home of Timmy and Yvonne Tillman, a gazebo, part of the show's Acadiana/Cajun series. Timmy Tillman, a shrimper, will also take the team out on his boat to film a segment for the show.

"We are thrilled for ourselves and we are thrilled for the area," said Marsha. "This is good publicity for the whole coast area, something money can't buy."

There were 400 applicants to be selected for projects for HouseCalls just along the coast. Next week, the team will head out to the New Orleans area.

Bay -- it's not as bad as they thought

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cent of the area south of Interstate 10 and plans to further reduce wastewater discharge into Edwards Bayou.

He said the overall goal now will be to reduce by 27 percent the amount of fecal coliform coming into the Bay from the watershed, and a 75 percent reduction of fecal coliform coming into Edwards Watts and Jones Bayous.

The MDEQ partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Gulf of Mexico Program during a six-day period in July of 1998 and over a three-day period in April of 1999 and set up 30 monitoring stations to measure the extent of fecal coliform bacteria and other pollutants coming into the Bay of St. Louis. The testing area covered 866 square miles and extended as far as Poplarville and into parts of Harrison and Stone Counties.

The results of the testing were sent to Mississippi State University, where computers developed a model to determine the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) the Bay can carry and

identify the "hot spots," where fecal coliform is higher than allowed, and needs to be reduced. The bacteria comes from municipal wastewater treatment plants, from failing septic tanks and from raw sewage that is illegally dumped into rivers and streams. Runoff from farms, animals, construction sites, forests and city streets also finds its way into the Bay.

Jackson told supervisors their action taken several years ago to implement a mandatory sewerage ordinance contributed greatly to the reduction of pollutants in the Bay of St. Louis.

"We're very happy about the possibility of future oyster harvesting," said Jackson. "We did not expect that."

Currently, oyster harvesting is allowed in public reefs in the Bay between the Hwy. 90 bridge and the CSX Railroad bridge, the St. Stanislaus Reef and the Waveland Reef.

Bryon Griffith, deputy director of the Gulf of Mexico Program, which helped fund the study, told supervisors,

"You're are, in fact, right on target."

He said reopening the western edge of the Bay of St. Louis to shellfishing originally was never thought possible because of the tidal flow from Edwards Bayou.

With the help of the Gulf of Mexico staff, Hancock County has recently adopted a uniform plan for sewerage treatment, which includes expanding the regional plant in Waveland,

and discharging the treated sewerage into spray fields rather into Edwards Bayou.

Griffith said the county's ambitious plans may serve as a "national model" for other communities dealing with the same problems. But, he added, Hancock County needs to team with west Harrison County, where the community of DeLisle still remains unsewered and is contributing to the pollution problem in the bay.

Coast ladies elected to PEO

Three Coast women were elected to the board of directors of the Mississippi State Chapter of the PEO Sisterhood during its annual convention held April 20-21.

Margaret Donaldson of Ocean Springs will serve as first vice president; Rene Woods of Moss Point will be organizer; and Priscilla Royster of Gulfport was elected recording secretary.

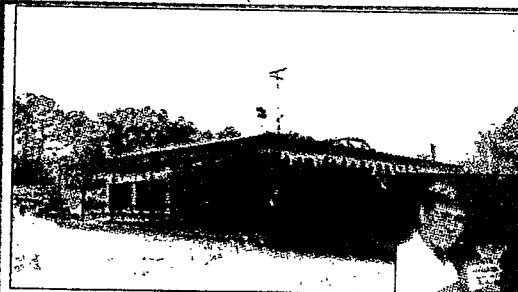
Other officers elected for the 2001-2002 term are: president,

June Rosentreter of Oxford; second vice president, Carolyn McLarnan of Hattiesburg; treasurer, Hazel Townsend of Brandon; corresponding secretary, Joanie Trott of Belden. The slate was adopted by delegates from 18 chapters throughout the state.

The convention, hosted by Chapter Q, Diamondhead, was attended by 140 members of the sisterhood with visitors from Texas and Missouri, as well as Mississippi chapters.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Presenting some of the finest Restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast



The River Dock

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The most difficult thing about dining at the River Dock is making up your mind from the choices offered from their extensive menu which is always augmented by a generous VERY special board which begins with All You Can Eat Fried Catfish at \$8.95 and All You Can Eat Fried Shrimp at \$9.99 and continues with at least two or three more delights. The regular menu covers the gamut of delicious appetizers, Italian dishes, local seafood, steaks, salads, sandwiches, and even pizza. We got a peek of the Muffalatta while we were there and it has to be one of the great ones available anywhere. Here's a hint, just order a quarter of a muffalatta; it's a full meal in itself.

After a couple of sips of our Berringer White Zinfandel, offered at an extremely reasonable \$15.95, the wife and I settled into a plate of outrageous fried crab claws at a modest \$4.95 and the best mozzarella and Swiss cheese sticks I ever had at just \$4.25. For our main course, the wife ordered a stuffed soft shell crab over a bed of seafood fettuccini from the special board at \$15.95. I ordered a shrimp lovers combo from the regular menu priced at a modest \$16.95. These are about the most expensive dinners the River Dock offers, and I was on the paper's nickel.

WARNING! Get hungry before ordering a shrimp lovers combo at the River Dock. You get Gumbo, shrimp salad, fried shrimp, stuffed shrimp, shrimp au gratin, and shrimp jambalaya. You get a lot of shrimp. Great shrimp. You don't want to leave any. The stuffed soft shell crab melted she ate. This in itself is reason to take her back.

For dessert we both had some of the best bread pudding with a delicious rum sauce that was so good we forced ourselves to make room for it. The bill, served with complimentary dinner mints, came to under sixty dollars including the wine. I paid it and left before they found that they made a mistake. I know it had to be more than that. It's nights like that that make me love my job.

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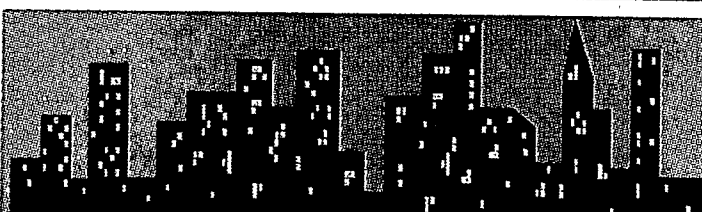
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COMMUNITY

Women's Center announces fundraiser

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence on Tuesday announced its first major fundraiser.

The Pieces for Peace Art Gala and Auction will take place this Saturday, April 28, 6-10 p.m. at the Ohr - O'Keefe Museum of Art. Tickets are \$30 individual or \$50 couple.

More than 48 local artists have contributed paintings, photography and pottery that will be part of the silent auction.

"Most domestic violence exhibits depict the violence," said Peggy Cuevas, GCWCFN sexual assault coordinator.

"We wanted to do ours different, so we asked regional artists to donate a piece of work in any medium that depicts peace, nonviolence or a sense of hope.

"We are pleased with the overwhelming response and have some meaningful works up for auction."

Donating artists include Trisha Atkinson, Angela Watson-Sartin, Cheryl Jones, Sheila Springer, Bruce Keyes, Clayton Bass, and Robert Brooks.

There will be door prizes, entertainment, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

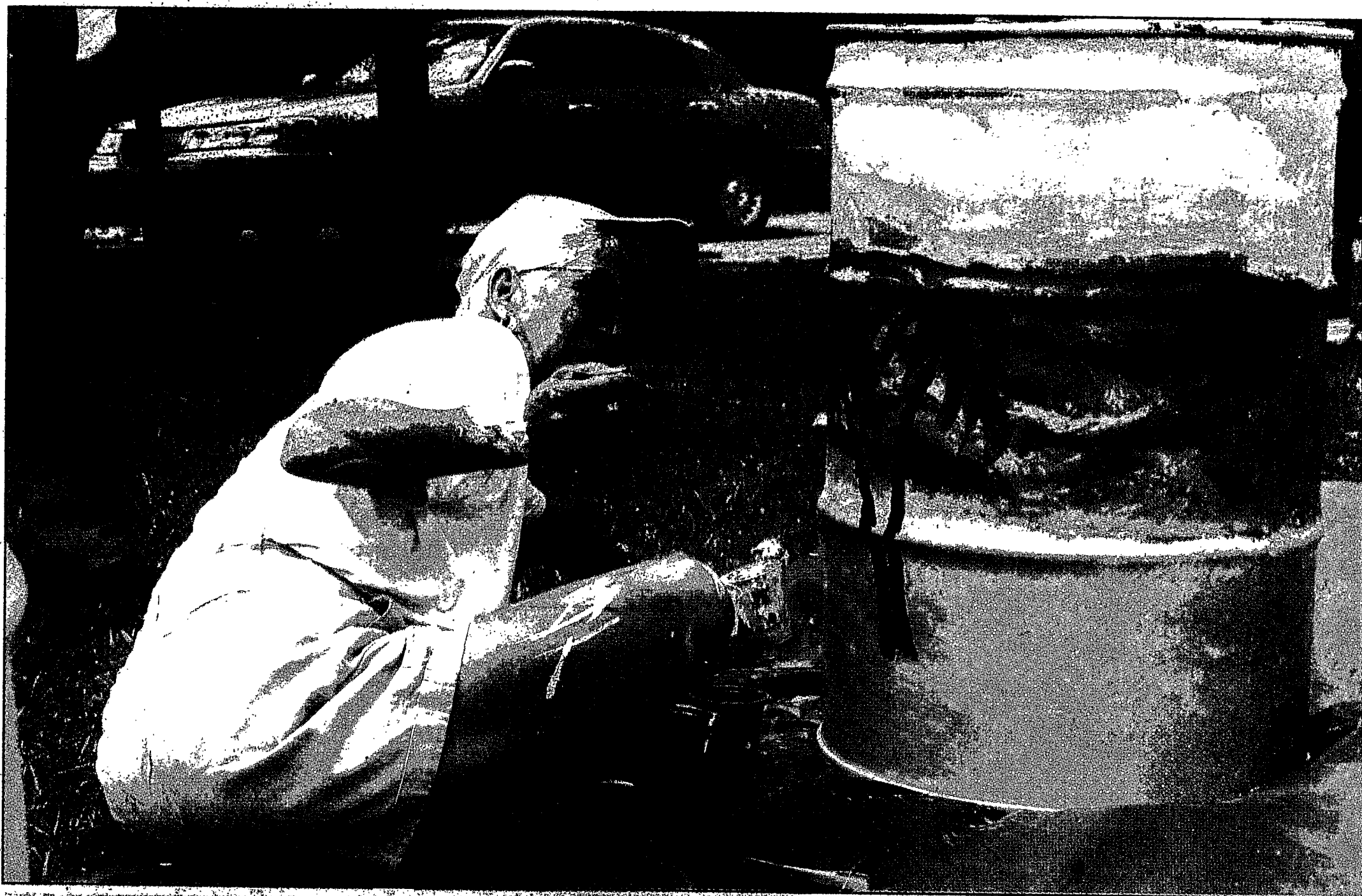
Tickets are available by calling 432-2358 or at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence.

The Center for Nonviolence is a private non-profit organization that is dedicated to the eradication of domestic violence.

Covering the six southern counties of Mississippi, the Center for Nonviolence is the oldest and most comprehensive domestic violence program in the state.

Services at the center include a 24-hour crisis line, temporary housing for victims of domestic violence and their children, counseling, court advocacy, a civil legal clinic, a sexual assault program and a therapeutic preschool for children who have witnessed or have been victims of domestic violence.

'CAN-DO' SPIRIT



Dozens of Waveland residents, including 25 aspiring artists, took part in the Coleman Avenue Coalition's first annual Spring Clean Fling Saturday. The group cleaned up the area and painted trash cans to be placed on the beach and other areas to help keep the trash off the ground.



Coleman Ave. Coalition cleans & beautifies town

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Show us your cans, Waveland!

On Saturday, the Coleman Avenue Coalition hosted the first annual Spring Clean Fling, a day-long event, which featured a cleanup, trash can painting contest, bands, and refreshments.

The cleanup, netted 20 bags of trash as groups and individuals worked to tidy up the area. Two people found Hancock County Chamber of Commerce coupons worth \$5 at the cleanup.

The trash can painting contest drew 25 participants, with an amazing array of colorfully

decorated cans. Paint-covered adults and children put their all in to creating the masterpieces in just three hours creation time from start to finish. Several bands provided by Mad Mozart Productions played a mixture of classic rock and roll till 6 p.m. and lent a festive air to the celebration.

Winners of the can contest were: First prize of \$100 to Ginny Warren for Sunrise and Moon Over Bay; second prize of \$50 to Nancy Ladner for Magnolia Blossom; and third prize of \$25 for Joan Coleman for Stars Over Waveland Pier. All participants received a certificate of participation. The cans will be used to spruce up the beach and Coleman Avenue.

1963: Would-be tricksters end up with the joke on themselves

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

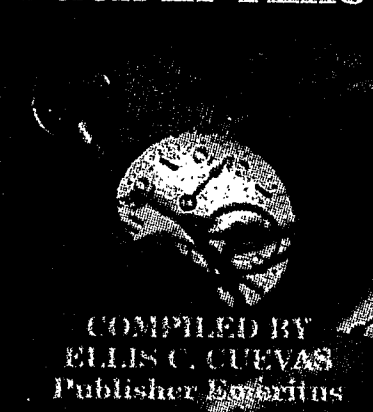
January 2, 1986 - Technology and new facilities changed the way tax records are kept in Hancock County, and further advances are expected during 1986. According to Tax Collector-Assessor Eddie Murtagh, 1985 saw many changes in his office.

The tax office moved out of its outgrown quarters in the courthouse into the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, formerly the McDonald Furniture Building, providing room for expansion of services as well as the office's computer system.

Presently, two systems, one provided through South Mississippi Planning and Development District (SMPDD), and one through the state are being used. The SMPDD system is used for records on taxes while the state system is used for car tag records.

- Jail preparations (Photo - Beat Five Supervisor James Travirca directs a crew remov-

Back in Time



ing logs and debris from the site for the new county jail, which will be constructed behind the Sea Coast Echo building. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday.

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

January 10, 1963 - Never try to pawn a questionable article to a police officer and expect to get by with it. Two men from Atlanta, Ga., both with police records, tried to trick about

noon Saturday, Porter's Gulf Service, not suspecting that the attendant was City Police Officer Nathan Garriga, and within an hour ended up in the county jail on charges of possessing burglary tools and narcotics.

The pair tried to pawn a hi-fi phonograph at Porter's, suggesting "one of the places out there might buy it." As the men drove away, Garriga called the Sheriff's Department where Deputy Gerard Freeman radioed Chief Deputy Gerald Price Jr., who swung by Porter's, picked up Garriga and they arrested the pair after they sold the record player for \$3 cash and \$2 of gas at another service station.

FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO

January 4, 1952 - Robert L. Hamilton, Major U.S. Army, has been called to active duty. Major Hamilton, who has been employed at the local Hancock Bank for a number of years, will

leave Sunday, January 6, 1952, for Fort McPherson, Georgia, to report to Third Army Headquarters.

Hamilton is the husband of the former Mildred Cagle and is the father of two children, Bob and Linda.

He served as president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club during the past year.

-Three farmers took office January 1 as members of the Hancock County PMA Committee.

In the county convention held Nov. 30, in the PMA office, Fitzhugh Lee was re-elected chairman of the Hancock County Production and Marketing Administration Committee.

Alton A. Kellar was elected vice-chairman; and Frank Shaw was named regular member.

The newly-elected community Committeemen in Hancock County are: Kleamon Bilbo, David Baker, Theo Bilbo, Elvis E. Necaise, David Wainwright, Rufus Cuevas, Maborn Eccles,

Julius Davis, Gus Frierson, Joseph L. Ladner, Ross Shaw, Andrew Ladner T. A. Brown, Herbert Zengarleng, O. V. Moran, Norman Benigno, and Clarence Moran.

The committeemen elected by delegates from each farming community, will administer the 1952 agricultural program along with other agricultural programs, all of which are geared to the nation's defense production efforts. The committeemen are all farmers.

- The Bay High P. T. A. met Tuesday evening in the Bay High auditorium with Wayne Alliston, president. Mrs. Ernest Yates read the P. T. A. prayer and Mrs. Paul Miller read the minutes. Walter Rauch reported that there are now 206 P. T. A. members.

FIFTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

January 11, 1946 - Sam Favre, County Superintendent of Public Education was guest speaker at the Bay St. Louis

Rotary Club on Wednesday at Hotel Reed. He talked to the group on some of the objectives of the Mississippi Educational Association.

- At the regular meeting of Christ Church Guild held on Tuesday, January 8, and the newly elected officers were installed by the Rev. Warwick Aiken in an impressive service of Corporate Communion.

The following officers were installed: Mrs. Richard Shadoin, president; Mrs. Harold B. Weston, vice-president; Mrs. George R. Rea, recording secretary; Mrs. Clarence Horton, corresponding secretary; and Miss Louise A. Crawford, treasurer.

The Department heads are Mrs. A. O. Drescher, Christian Education; Mrs. E. N. Spence, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. N. L. Carter, United Thank Offering; Mrs. L. T. Boyd, Church Periodicals; Mrs. George Horton, Missions and Church Extensions; and Mrs. Harold B. Weston, Promotion and Publicity.

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SPORTS

Paez 'The Clown Prince' has close fight at Bay Magic

One of boxing's most recognizable figures, former featherweight champion Jorge "Maromero" Paez headlined the Top Rank Inc. fight card at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis in Bay St. Louis April 22.

Paez (67-14-4, 44 KOs) of Mexicali, Mexico won his 10-round super lightweight bout by a unanimous decision. The judges scored Paez at 97-94, 95-94 and 96-94.

Paez, known for his brightly colored attire in the ring and silly antics, did not disappoint the crowd, but almost let his silliness get in his way.

Paez seemed to make Verdell Smith (40-33, 17 KOs) of Oklahoma City, Okla., mad in round three when he acted as if Smith's punch made him stagger.

To the crowd's delight, Smith immediately came on strong

swinging. Though evenly matched in skill, the fight eventually came down to a battle of endurance.

The crowd was on their feet because it was quite heated at the end of the 10th round. But Paez could not knock out Smith, or scare him with his intimidation tactics such as throwing Smith to the mat. Paez just eked out a win over Smith.

In an interesting six-round middleweight bout Willie Lee (4-1), of Gulfport, did not look so pretty, but managed to beat Trevor Brown (8-1) of Orlando, Fla. in a close majority decision.

Also on the card, was Carl "Kojak" Handy (13-1, 10 KOs) of New Orleans, whose action-packed eight-round light heavyweight bout resulted in a draw against Rodney Moore (13-1, 6 KOs) of Houston, Texas.

The fighters' skills were

evenly matched, and it showed judges scored the bout 77-76 (Handy), 77-76 (Moore) and 76-76.

Finally, in a four-round junior middleweight contest, Kevin Wallis (1-1, 1 KO) of Baton Rouge, beat Daimeon Turner (4-5-1, 2 KO's) of Columbus, Ga. by TKO.

Wallis, who is making a name for himself, had Clifford "the

Black Rhino" Etienne in his corner.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is known as "The Boxing Mecca of the South" and has hosted more boxing events than any other Coast venue. Boxing greats such as Larry Holmes, Hector "Macho" Camacho, Roy Jones, Jr., Oscar DeLa Hoya and Roberto Duran have all fought at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Moffett lifts way to record & title for Pass Christian

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Andrew Moffett, a senior at Pass Christian, brought home a state title to the 3A school just across the bridge. He won the 181-pound state title in powerlifting in Class 3A on April 6 in Pearl.

Moffett recorded a total of 1,205 pounds on the bench press, squat, and dead lift. He set a state record in the bench press for his weight class with a 315-pound lift. The previous state record in 3A bench press was 290 pounds. He added a 400-pound squat and a 490-pound dead lift to earn the title.

Moffett stated, "I have worked hard to reach this level. I am very excited to be able to bring a state title to my school and my teammates."

Casey Wittmann, head pow-

erlifting coach, commented, "This is the first year that Pass Christian has competed in the sport of powerlifting. Andrew has set a tremendous standard for future Pirate lifters to maintain."

Moffett competed in the South State powerlifting competition in Woodville on March 17. There, he lifted a total of 1,225 pounds and set a South State record in the bench press with a 325-pound lift.

The All-Sea Coast Echo first-team football selection has signed a football scholarship to play with the Gulf Coast Community College Bulldogs in Perkinston next season. After the football season was over, Moffett was also chosen All-Division 8 Class 3A first-team and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Back.

Santiago leads Coast in stolen bases for season with 27

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The high school baseball season has come to an end for the area high school players. While the local teams did not reach the state playoffs, several had very fine seasons.

Zack Zulli of Hancock finished third on the Coast in batting with a .523 average. Neil Favre of St. Stanislaus finished fifth with an average of .483.

Other top batters from Hancock were Gary Catalano .382, James Moran .379, and Tyler Hall .329. The top hitters from St. Stanislaus were Jason Santiago .349, Evan Coote .333, Taylor LaFontaine .324, Stephen Kulikowski .319, and Brandon Arcement .310.

Bay High had several players top the .300 mark including Guy Alleman at .446, Eric Lymuel .383, Aaron Morris .359, and Adam Barrett .341. The Pirates of Pass Christian placed four above the .300 threshold. They were John Cuevas .387, Darren Henderson .367, Myles Wagner .326, and Dustin Allen .313.

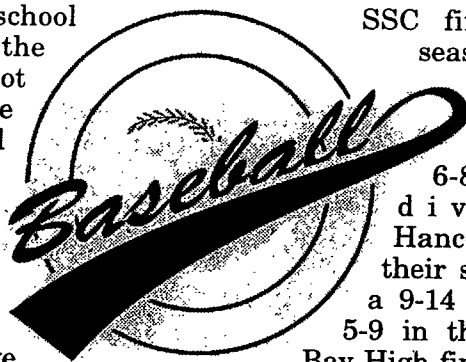
Favre of SSC finished fifth on the Coast with 30 RBIs while Hall of Hancock ended the season with 25.

Santiago led the Coast with 27 stolen bases as Zulli of Hancock finished with 23. Arcement added 15 bags for the Rocks on the season.

James Moran ended the year with a 4-4 record while Jeremy Lewis remained undefeated for the Rocks with a 3-0 record. The ERA for the two pitchers were 2.02 and 1.61, respective-

ly. Stephen Kulikowski recorded 62 strikeouts for the Rocks on the mound.

SSC finished the season with an overall record of 12-15 and the 6-8 in the division. Hancock ended their season with a 9-14 record and 5-9 in the division. Bay High finished at 7-15 and 4-10. Pass Christian ended their season at 9-17 and 3-7.



SSC/OLA win fourth consecutive district tennis title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers, Hancock Hawks, Our Lady Academy, and St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will all be represented in the state tennis tournament on April 30 and May 1 in Jackson.

The SSC/OLA team won their fourth consecutive district title on April 19. The district tennis championships were held at d'Iberville High School. SSC/OLA won three of four finals in the district tourney.

Other teams in the SSC/OLA district are Vancleave, d'Iberville, East Central, St. Martin, Stone, and Gautier.

Michael Carter of SSC repeated as district champion and will head to state in boys singles. Padrick Dennis and Sarah Carter won the mixed doubles match and qualify for state competition.

The OLA girls doubles team of Christine Bratton and Rachel Cranford of OLA will head to Jackson after winning the district title.

The boys double team of Kunal Patel and Chris Williams made the finals but lost the match. Patel and Williams are headed to Jackson to compete in the state tennis championships because the both sets of finalists qualify for the state tourney.

The SSC/OLA tennis team ended their season with a 9-2 record. Head coach Myron Labat commented, "I thought we had a very good chance of winning the district if we performed to our potential. Another positive thing is that outside of Michael and Sarah Carter, we will have the entire team returning next season."

We are looking forward to good things in the future." Labat orchestrated state titles for the SSC/OLA team in 1998 and 1999.

The Hancock Hawks will be represented by seventh grader Molly Nunez in girls singles. Nunez defeated cross county rival Stephanie Reed of Bay High to earn one of the top seeds going into the state tourney. Nunez won in sets of 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, and 7-5 in the tie-breaker.

Hancock head coach Myron Labat, Jr. stated, "Molly Nunez is a very good athlete as a seventh grader. She picks up instruction in the game very well and works very hard at the game. She was down in the match early but fought her way back to the win. I have worked with her before and it helps when a coach can start with the player at a young age and aid in the development."

The Hancock Hawks finished 1-8 under Labat in his first year. He is the son of SSC/OLA coach Myron Labat and played at SSC where he won a state title in boys doubles in 1993.

The Bay High tandem of Katy Benvenuti and Kelly Calahan lost in the finals of the girls double match 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 to the Oak Grove duo. Benvenuti and Calahan will represent Bay High, along with Reed, in the state tournament in Jackson on April 30 and May 1.

The Bay High tennis team finished second in the district tournament held at Tennis World in Diamondhead. Other teams in Bay High's district were Hancock, Picayune, Petal, Oak Grove, Columbia, and Pearl River Central.

Hendrickson, 2nd low net. Second Flight winners were Joyce DeBruyn, low gross; Ok Sang Hall, 1st low net; Becky Jordan, 2nd low net.

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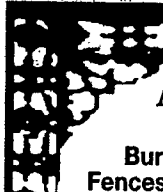
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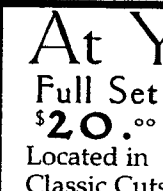
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SPORTS

Hawks honor hardwood athletes at awards banquet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawk basketball program held their annual awards banquet at the Hancock High School Commons on Saturday, April 21. The boys and girls programs bestowed letterman certificates and special awards to the student-athletes.

The junior varsity girls that earned their first-year letter were presented with special t-shirts and a certificate. The winners were Jennifer Ladner, Lauren Kozak, and Devin Fagan. The second-year letter winners were given jackets and a certificate. The recipients were Lindsey Debenport, Lacy Grimes, Jada Ladner, Rachel Necaise, Amanda Arcement, and Courtney Craft.

Special award winners for the junior varsity girls were Rachel Necaise, Amanda Arcement, and Courtney Craft. Necaise won the Most Improved Award. Arcement brought home

the Best, Offensive Player Award and Craft claimed the Best Defensive Award.

The junior varsity boys received the same awards. The first-year winners were Josh Ladner, Philman Ladner, Allen Peters, and Nicholas Narvaez.

The second-year winners were Adrian Boone, Daron Boone, Wesley Craft, Austin Gann, Jason Homer, Adam Ladner, Daron Ladner, Dujuan Ladner, Marcus Ladner, James Robertson, Brian Spangler, and Jeremy Strief.

The Academic Award of Basketball for the junior varsity was presented to Marcus Ladner. Josh Ladner and Daron Ladner both received the Most Improved Player Award.

The Best Offensive Player Award went to Daron Boone while Jeremy Strief won the Hawk Award.

The varsity girls first-year award winners were Melissa Duncan, Kayla Hennessey, Amber Pavolini, April Russell,

and Trisha Loup. The second-year winners were Brooke Necaise, Latisha Shiyon, Kayla Stephenson, Devin Necaise, and Lacy Grimes.

Roshonda Acker was the lone third-year award recipient. Valerie Singleton, Twyla Hyatt, Danielle Necaise, and Shenma Hoffman were all recipients of four-year awards.

Brooke Necaise was honored for being named All-Division first-team, the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Year award in Division 7 Class 4A for 2000-01, and voted the Outstanding Defensive Player for Hancock.

Devin Necaise was awarded the Outstanding Offensive Player award for Hancock and received All-Division 7 Class 4A honors.

Roshonda Acker merited the Most Improved Award for the girls varsity team while Danielle Necaise claimed the Good Samaritan Award.

Valerie Singleton and Twyla

Hyatt each earned the Academic Award for Basketball and Hyatt also earned the Rebounding Award for the Hawks.

Shenna Hoffman brought home the Hawk Award. First year award recipients on the varsity boys team were statistician Braxton Necaise. Kacy Lee and Amber Shaw earned their second-year awards as statisticians.

Zach Nelson earned his first-year award for varsity play and was honored as an All-Division 7 Class 4A member. Nelson was also presented a letter jacket by his teammates for his contributions as a senior player on the team. Nelson received the Playmaker Award from Coach Michael Ladner for the varsity season.

Second-year letter winner was Cody Ladner. He also earned All-Division 7 Class 4A honors and the Outstanding Offensive Award for the Hawks. Just recently, Ladner learned of his acceptance as a U.S. Junior

National finalist for the Mississippi team. The team from the Magnolia State will play in Atlanta in July against teams from the other 49 states.

Third-year letter winners were John Bissell, Chase Cuevas, Damien Cuevas, Greg Homer, Matt Ladner, Ryan Ladner, Kael Peterson, and Daniel Spalding. Matt Ladner won the Academics in Basketball Award. Peterson brought home the Rebounding Award for the Hawks.

Fourth-year letter winners were Jason Phillips and Brandon Weaver. Phillips was named the Most Improved Award and Hawk Award winner. Weaver claimed the Unsung Hero Award and the SportsMedicine Leadership Award for 2001.



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Fire Dogs thrash 71-20 Monroe at home

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

If you are a football fan and have not seen the Mississippi Fire Dogs play, then you are missing an awesome show. Moreover, if you are from Hancock County and haven't seen some of your native sons knocking the opposition into the wall, then you need to come to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and view the spectacle. The Hancock County representatives on the Fire Dogs roster are Bobby Doyle, Stu Rayburn, and David King. The head coach is Hancock's own Irvin Favre.

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the NFL opened their home season with a resounding 71-20 whipping of the Monroe Bayou Beast on Monday, April 23. The point total was the highest in team history as the Fire Dogs dominated in every aspect of the game. With the win, the Fire Dogs remain undefeated at 3-0 and set up a showdown with the Lake Charles Land Sharks in a battle for the top spot in the NFL.

Bobby Doyle seemed to be all over the field for the Fire Dogs on Monday despite playing just on the defensive side of the ball. Doyle, a Hancock High graduate and former Pearl River Community College player, picked off two passes, recovered a fumble for a safety, returned a short field goal attempt for a touchdown, and tallied nine total tackles in the game. If that wasn't enough, he also played on special teams for Mississippi.

Irvin Favre, head coach of the

Fire Dogs, stated, "Bobby Doyle was all over the field. He is probably the smallest player we have on defense but he plays so hard and with intensity. He plays big every game, every night." Favre ought to know since he coached him at Hancock High School in the early 1990s. Favre, a coaching icon in South Mississippi football, took over the reigns of the Fire Dogs after John Fourcade jetted for Mobile during the off-season. Favre now has his team setting their sights on another foe on Saturday.

Favre comments, "This will be a very tough game for us on Saturday against Lake Charles. They will be ready to play and will give us our greatest test of the season so far."

Derrick Taite, starting in place of Stu Rayburn, led the offense on the field against the Bayou Beast. He hooked up with first-year receiver Kevin Heard for four first half touchdowns en route to a 35-14 lead. Once the Taite-Heard duo clicked, the Beast had no chance.

Offensive coordinator/quarterback Stu Rayburn stated, "Monroe was showing a weird coverage on Kenny Causey and Lamont Woodberry. Kevin Heard just kept getting open and Derrick Taite kept finding him."

Despite coming into the game without having the opportunity to review film on Monroe, Rayburn was proud of how the offense produced. The defense also caught Rayburn's eye, including Doyle. He stated, "Bobby Doyle is one of the best

defensive players in this league. He may also be the hardest hitting player in the league. His knowledge of the game helps him on the field. His true talent is he knows how to play the game."

Heard scored on passes of 11, 43, 24, and 15 yards in the first half for Mississippi. Running back Dexter Thomas added the other score for the Fire Dogs in the first half with a 15-yard run with 2:29 left to play in the opening quarter.

Raymond Jones came down with a 37-yard touchdown pass just before the first half ended after a deflection by a Fire Dog defensive back.

The second half was much of the same for the Fire Dogs - a ton of scoring.

Taite connected with Kenny Causey with 10:47 left in the third quarter to make the score 42-14. Doyle scored his touchdown with 9:44 left in the third quarter to make the score 49-14.

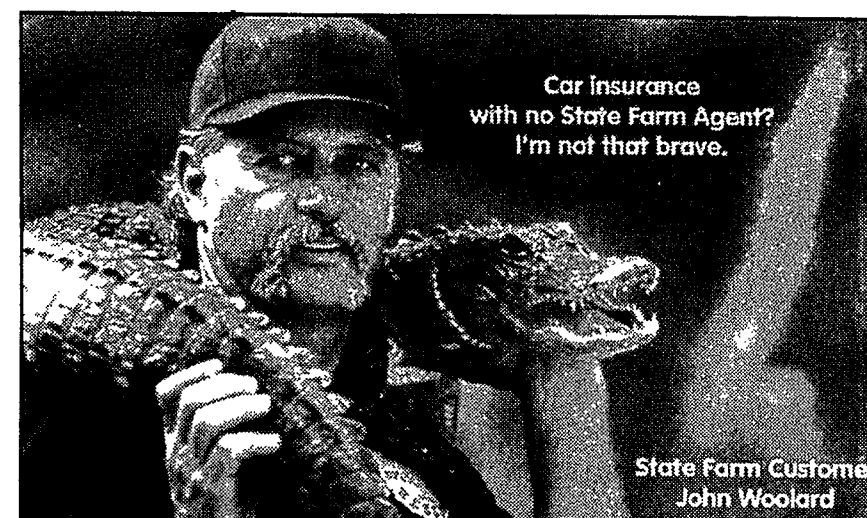
Safety Kevin Bouis rubbed salt in the Beast wound as intercepted his second pass of the night to set up another Fire Dog score. Rayburn came into the game midway through the third quarter and connected with Lamont Woodberry for a 14-yard score to make the tally 55-14.

On the ensuing Bayou Beast possession, Doyle tallied his safety on the fourth play of the series to make the score 57-14 with 3:41 left in the third quarter.

Just as the third quarter ended, Rayburn found Woodberry again in the endzone

for a 12-yard strike. Tyrone Ashley scored the game's final touchdown for the Fire Dogs with a seven-yard run to make the score 71-20 with 9:34 left to play. Taite threw five touchdown passes in the game while Rayburn added two more. Tim Hardaway missed his first PAT attempt of the year going nine for 10 on PATs.

The next game for the Mississippi Fire Dogs will be Saturday, April 28, at 8pm in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.



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The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Hancock County Water and Sewer District. The proposed project consists of installing 144,000 linear feet of distribution lines to serve additional 1,000 residents. Phase II Water is the second phase of a proposed three phase project to supply potable water to the District's service area which is located north of U. S. Highway 90 and along the east and west sides of Highway 603 south of the Jourdan River.

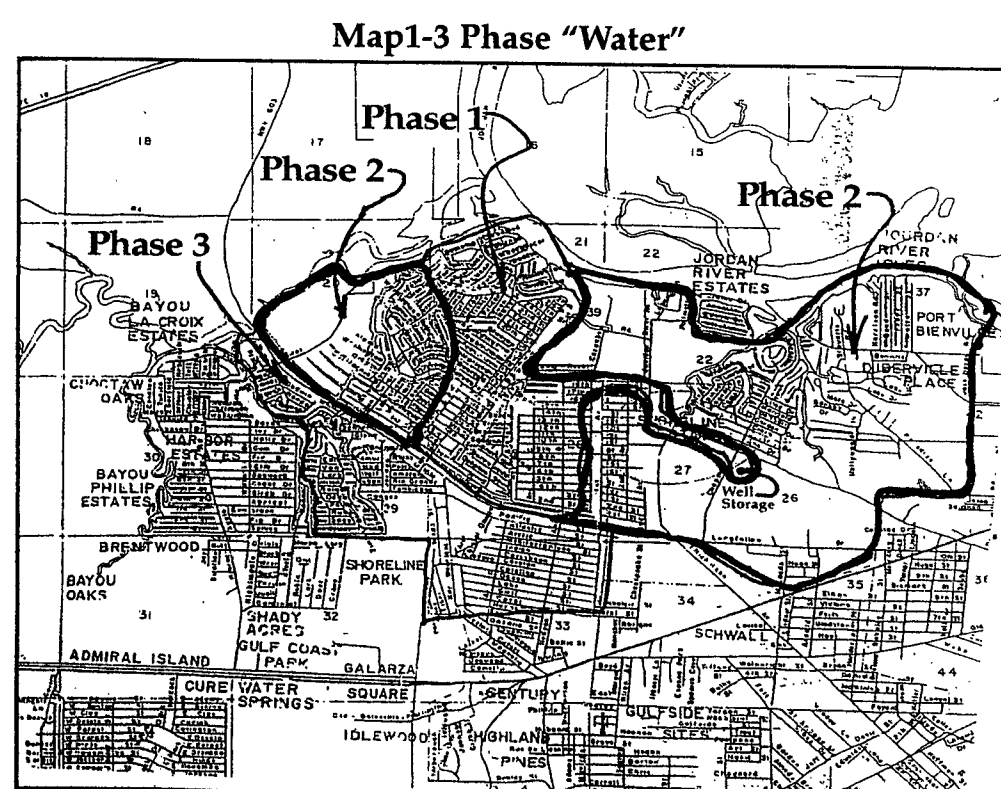
As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant impact on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis for the determination is reflected in a content of the Environmental Assessment.

In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Development will require the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposed project design:

1. Should any of the 11 federal endangered listed species as noted in a letter from The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service dated November 29, 2000 be encountered during construction, all work will cease and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be contacted for guidance.
2. The Hancock County Water and Sewer District must provide a copy of its adopted ordinance which sets for the restrictions imposed on newly constructed buildings with the established 100-year floodplain.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at the Rural Development Area Office located at: 132 Mayfair Road, Suite C, Hattiesburg, MS. For Further Information, please contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist, at 601-261-3293.

A general location map of the proposed project area is shown below:



HMS Hawks end season with 4-3 win

The Hancock Middle School baseball team ended the 2001 season with a win over the Pass Christian Pirates by the score of 5-3.

The season ended for the Hawks on April 7 in the St. Stanislaus Tournament. The Hawks lost the first game of the

day to Long Beach but fought back for the win against the Pirates.

Top defensive players for the middle school Hawks this season were Kodie Koennen, Joey Madere, Brett Cuevas, Josh Malone, Robert Pullens, Kade Ladner, Steven Dauenhauer,

Braxton Necaise, Dustin Chotto, Ken Cook, and Justin Kopf. The top pitchers for the Hawks were Micah Ladner, Robert Pullens, Kade Ladner, Dustin Chotto, Ken Cook, and Brad Favre.

Madere led the team at the plate with a .462 average followed by Micah Ladner at .300. Madere led the team with eight RBIs followed by Pullens with six. Ken Cook led the team in stolen bases with nine. Pullens posted a record of 3-2 on the mound with one save and 16 strikeouts. Micah Ladner, Kade Ladner, and Chotto each earned a win on the mound.

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The 21st annual John Stroud Professional Basketball Camp will be held at Millsaps College this summer. Over 5,000 boys and girls have attended these basketball camps in previous years. Stroud, a former Ole Miss All-American and NBA player, will head up a staff of top college players and high school coaches.

The shooting camps are June 1-2 and June 8-9 for boys and girls ages 7-18. The cost per camper is \$95. The Boys Day Camp will be July 23-26 for boys age 6-15. The camp will run daily from 8:30am to 12

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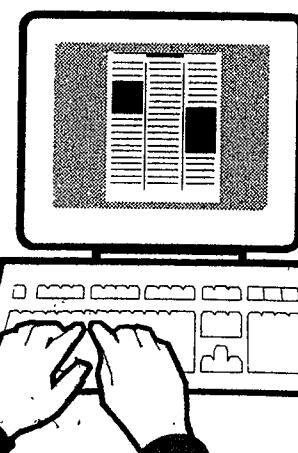
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Yard Sale

APRIL 28TH & 29TH, 7A.M. TILL Multi Family! Baby items, clothes, shoes, etc. Community Center, Harbor Drive, Hwy 90.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 9A.M.-5P.M. 218 Water Street, Waveland.

GARAGE SALE: THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8-5. 4158 Lake St., off Ave. B Shoreline Park, BSL.

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MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE: SATURDAY, 4/28, 7AM-1PM. 10123 Old Nicholson Road, off 603. Lots of stuff.

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YARD SALE: THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 9-2. new and used items, antiques, furniture, collector items, lots of clothes, books, fireplace enclosure, glass bricks. 6426 Lower Bay Road. 467-2947.

YARD SALE: 705 BOYD ST., WAVELAND, 1 block off Old Spanish Trail down Margie Street. Bric-a-brac, furniture, tools, clothes, percussion guns, etc. 8-5, Saturday.

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We are recruiting for: Housekeeping Room Attendants

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Hancock County Community Services

Adult Literacy Education
The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland. Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon
ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursdays at 8 p.m. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL
Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society
Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock County and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery," in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women
Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW Group
Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting.

Public Notices

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Whereas, on September 2, 1998 a Deed of Trust was executed by Ambro D. Soriano, individually, to Greg Fontenot, Trustee(s), for the benefit of AEGIS Mortgage Corporation d/b/a UC Lending, a Corporation which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed Book 586, Page 388, and

Whereas, said Deed of Trust was assigned by AEGIS Mortgage Corporation d/b/a UC Lending, a Corporation to HomeComings Financial Network, Inc. by assignment recorded in Book 606 Page 510 in the office of the said Clerk of the Chancery Court, and

Whereas, the legal holder of the aforesaid Deed of Trust and the indebtedness secured thereby substituted Arnold M. Weiss as Substitute Trustee in the place and stead of Greg Fontenot and any subsequently appointed Substitute Trustee by instrument of record in Book 606 Page 171 in the office of the said Clerk of the Chancery Court, and

Whereas, default has been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the legal holder of the indebtedness having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD M. WEISS, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE, WILL ON May 11, 2001, within legal hours, at the Front Door of the Court House in Hancock County, Mississippi, proceed to sell, at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 7, Anchorage, Subdivision, Third Ward of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the Official plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Other interested Parties: State Tax Commission I will sell and convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this 12 day of April 2001.

ARNOLD M. WEISS, Substitute Trustee
208 Adams Avenue
Memphis, TN 38103
901-526-8296

4/19; 4/26; 5/3; 5/10/2001

through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure
Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate)
Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

DivorceCare
DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at www.Bayouview.org.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse
The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers and teen mentors.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse or help a child, call 868-8686.

Also, free parenting classes will be offered at the center, 327 Sheldor Square, Bay St. Louis, for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, household management, and child development.

Call 463-0000 for details or reservations.

Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

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The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis. Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven
Hope Haven meetings are every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, Bay St. Louis.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine

Lang at 467-9586.

Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer I at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Call 865-3421 for details.

St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, sewing, quilting and shirt.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals.

AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Approximately 4,000 Civil War reenactors will converge in Raymond, Miss. May 4-6, for the state's largest reenactment since the actual 1863 Vicksburg Campaign.

The Vicksburg Campaign II, a national-scale recreation of the battles of Raymond and Champion Hill, will commemorate portions of Ulysses S. Grant's famous overland campaign. John Barber of Raymond, chairman of the reenactment committee, said, "These reenactors will be coming from all across the United States and a few other countries to portray parts of Grant's march toward Vicksburg."

Civil War refugee camps will be open to the public Friday night, May 4, and again on Saturday night, May 5. Caves have also been prepared for reenactors to depict conditions under which some civilians lived during the siege of Vicksburg. At 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, spectators can view the Battle of Raymond after watching the troops parade through the downtown area that morning during the Raymond Country Fair. The fair is the annual arts and crafts festival around the Hinds County Courthouse square.

On Sunday, May 6, at 1:30

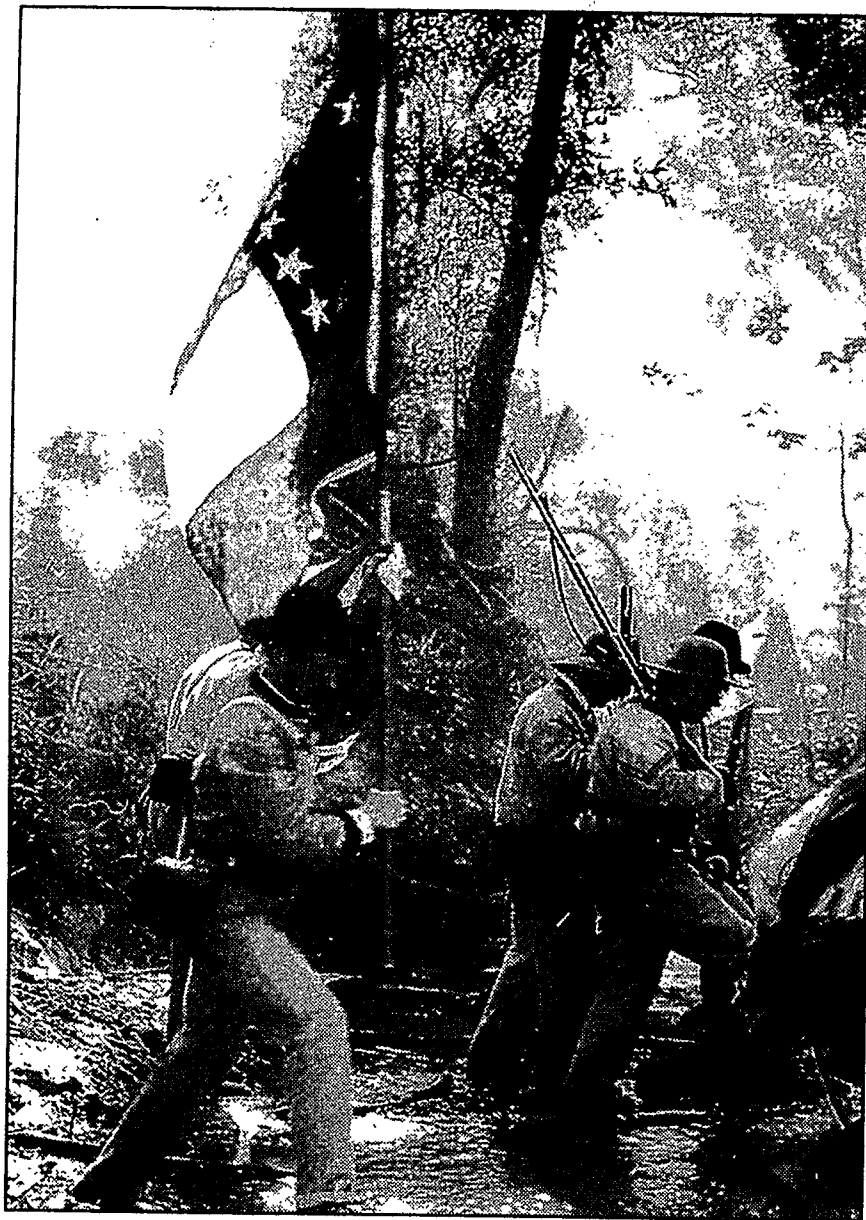
p.m., the Battle of Champion Hill will take place. It was the defeat of the Confederate Army during this battle that directly led to the Siege of Vicksburg.

Serving as reenactment host is Stanford's Mississippi Battery of the 1st Confederate Division, North/South Alliance (NSA). The NSA is a national organization of living historians consisting of the 1st Federal Division and the 1st Confederate Division. Also hosting will be the Friends of Raymond, Inc., a historical preservation group.

Reflecting the success of a similar 1998 reenactment which brought attention to the condition of historical battlefields, the 2001 campaign will generate funds for a 40-acre land purchase made at the Battle of Raymond site by the Friends of Raymond. Plans are to develop a park and educational facilities.

Public admission for each reenactment is \$5, with free admission for children under six. Public parking will be \$2 per vehicle. Advance tickets are available, and major credit cards are accepted.

For information, call (601) 857-8942 or 1-888-543-1863. Also visit the web address www.raymondms.com.



deTour New Orleans invites folks to take a detour from their everyday neighborhoods

Did you think New Orleans was all about the French Quarter? Maybe you've heard of the Garden District. But are you familiar with the Irish Channel, Bywater, Algiers Point or Marigny? All are New Orleans neighborhoods with histories and traditions as diverse as they sound.

Sponsored by New Orleans 24/7 and the Proud to Call It Home Committee of the Young Leadership Council, deTour New Orleans hopes to highlight some of these eclectic and historical neighborhoods to non-residents and residents alike with guided tours of these enclaves every morning of Jazz Fest.

The tour will feature open houses, homes for sale, refreshments, and, as always, a little bit of lagniappe. Afterward, participants will be dropped off at Jazz Fest. And it's free. (And you thought nothing in New Orleans during Jazz Fest was free.)

"We believe that New Orleans is a great residential city, and we want people to experience that," said Jim Pertuit, president of New Orleans 24/7. "We have a large number of repeat visitors who attend Jazz Fest and are likely to be interested in making New Orleans their home. We want them to be aware that deTour New Orleans is an opportunity to actively pursue relocating to New Orleans."

"You simply can't beat the uniqueness of the culture of New Orleans," said David Bendana of Proud to Call It Home. "That's what draws all these people from all over the world to the Jazz Fest, to savor something very few of them have where they come from. We want then to dig deeper and see more about our unique community besides what they already think they know."

Participants should meet at Marconi Meadows in City Park by 9 a.m. to depart. They will be returned to Marconi Meadows by 1 p.m. The dates and highlighted neighborhoods include:

Friday, April 27, Esplanade Ridge
Saturday, April 28, Marigny
Sunday, April 29, Irish Channel
Thursday, May 3, Mid-City
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Saturday, May 5, Algiers Point
Sunday, May 6, Bywater

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New Orleans 24/7 is a non-profit organization marketing New Orleans as a prime residential destination with the intent of revitalizing the city through positive population growth.

The Proud to Call It Home Committee's mission is to improve the perception of New Orleans as a residential and professional community.

It is one of the 25 projects within the Young Leadership Council, which strives to improve public education, diversity, quality of life, economic development and youth enrichment throughout Greater New Orleans.

The Young Leadership Council is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. The Young Leadership Council was founded in 1986, and is composed of 1,100 members and community leaders, who have dedicated countless volunteer hours in community service for change in the Greater New Orleans area.

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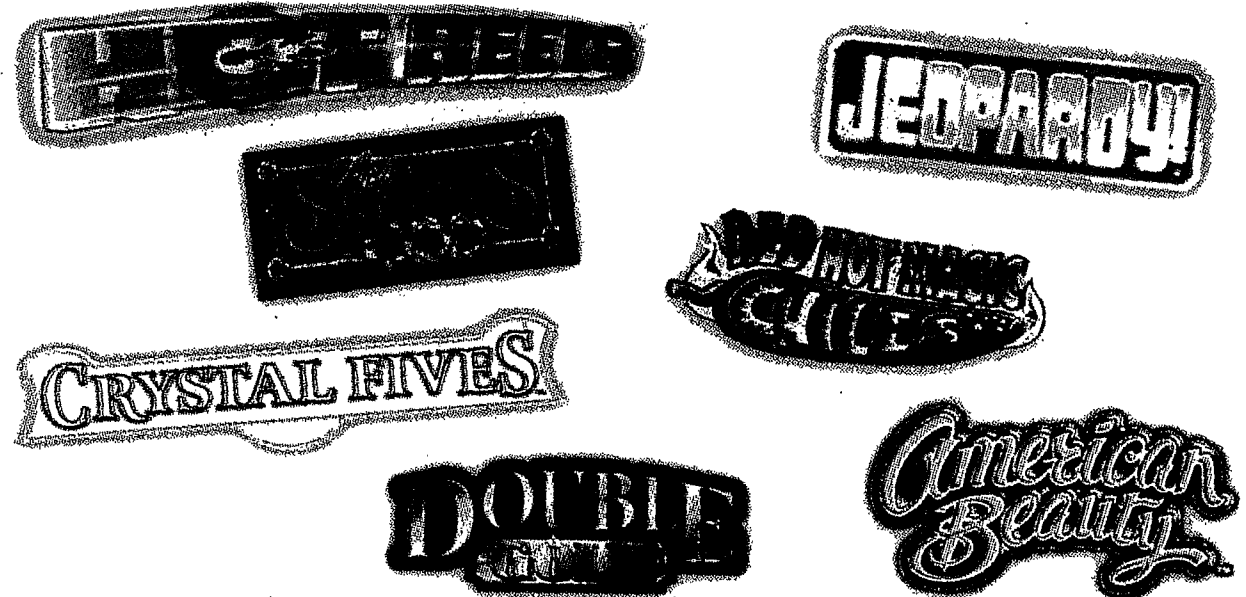
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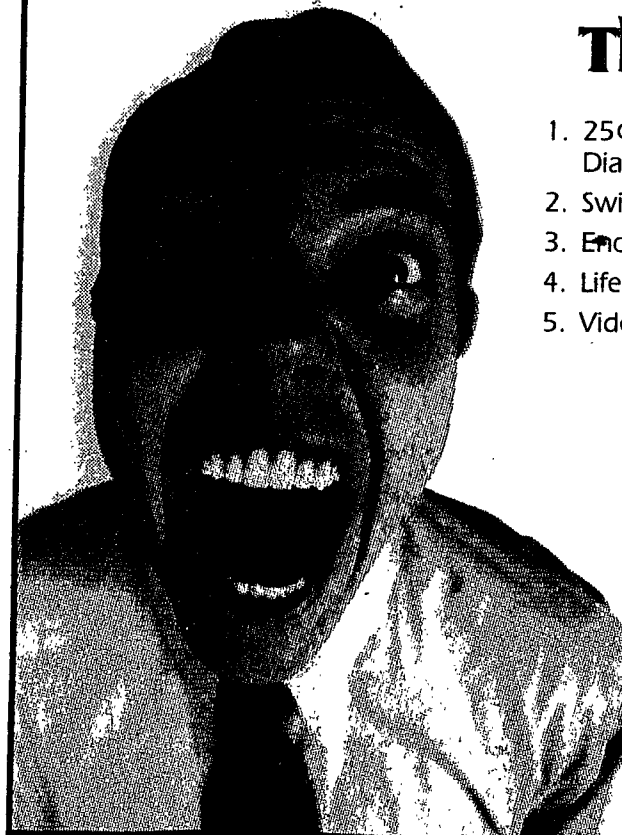
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THE MCDOWELL FAMILY

BY BRANDY
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After going to visit the McDowell family recently, I was asked by many different people what it was like. My response, quiet. No one could possibly understand how it could be quiet in a home with 31 children. The family lives a normal life. I went through the house visiting the children as they showed me their rooms. I spent a while talking to the oldest girls. They are very normal.

They have pictures of their favorite actors on the walls and pictures of their friends everywhere. We spent time talking about their school, their friends, favorite actors, and boyfriends.

As I went through the house, I was amazed by how organized it was. There were

no clothes on the floor or toys everywhere. All of the beds were made, and the older children were helping to prepare dinner for the family.

I sat with Nancy and discussed some of the details of how she and her husband came to adopt 31 children. The first child they adopted was Julie in April of 1970. She was 6 months old at the time.

Julie decided that she wanted a little brother, so the next to be adopted was Darin in August of 1975 at three months old. The family just grew from there.

The only child to be born of natural birth to Drew and Nancy McDowell is Justin. I asked Justin what it was like having this many adopted brothers and sisters. He said he really enjoyed it. He did not know any difference since he was born into a family that already consisted of adopted children.

The McDowell's adopted ten of the children as infants. There are five sibling groups, all coming from Texas. All of the children were adopted from the United States except for two. Wendy and Lucas were adopted out of Korea.

Out of the children, nine play sports. The family travels out of town going to the different events. They go on vacation every year. They do their best to be as close to a normal family as possible. I think that they are better than normal. The biggest question people had for the couple was how could they possibly provide enough attention to each child. I observed as the different children came up to Nancy while we were talking and sat in her lap or held her hand. I saw how loved they all were. I asked Nancy that question. She responded by saying that she tries to make time for each of them.

If she sees that one really needs to talk to her, she will

make special time for the two of them to talk. She takes a few at a time on her errands so that they can all talk and discuss their day. Nancy told me that all of the children call them Mom and Dad. Each child is different in showing affection. It takes time for each of them to warm up. All of the children receive as much affection as they want.

I observed children playing, talking, and watching television. On the television was Nickelodeon. I can imagine that the television is always on children's shows.

The oldest girls, who are married and out of the house, still come over every day to help with the children and the chores. When school starts, there will only be three at home during the day. When I asked how they managed to provide for this many, Nancy replied, "Through the help of others' donations and by the grace of God."

The Home Builders Association of the Mississippi Coast is helping the McDowell family to build an 8,000 sq. ft. home. The house will consist of 17 bedrooms and 10 bathrooms. If you would like to help with this project, please contact the Home Builders Association at 228-896-7646.

Project History

Since the onset of the project, the association membership has had the opportunity to meet and visit with the family on several occasions.

Whenever possible, the entire family attends fundraising functions. They have also personally committed to assisting the association in any way possible to complete the project.

McDowell Home Building Project Project Status

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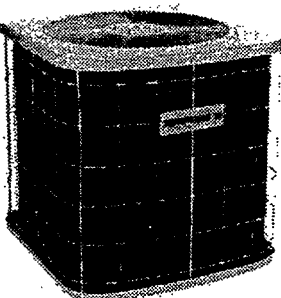
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Imagine matters. Enhance your own credibility and visibility and help project a better image for the entire industry by participating in NAHB's recognition programs.

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Information

To stay on top, you need to stay informed. NAHB studies economic, demographic, technological, legislative, and reg-

ulatory issues as well as consumer trends that have an impact on the building industry and your business. When you stay informed through NAHB, you'll be among the first to know about changes ahead and how you can profit from them.

- Access to NAHB.net, NAHB's member-only online community on the World Wide Web with up-to-the-minute news reports, reference materials, and real time chat rooms

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- Toll-free Member Service Center assistance to help you with any of your questions

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Alone, your voice may be heard, but how loudly and with what respect? As a part of NAHB, however, your voice becomes a powerful instrument of change and influence. No one can deny it: 200,000 members matters!

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Building or Remodeling, Protecting Windows and Doors Is The Key to Surviving Hurricane Damage

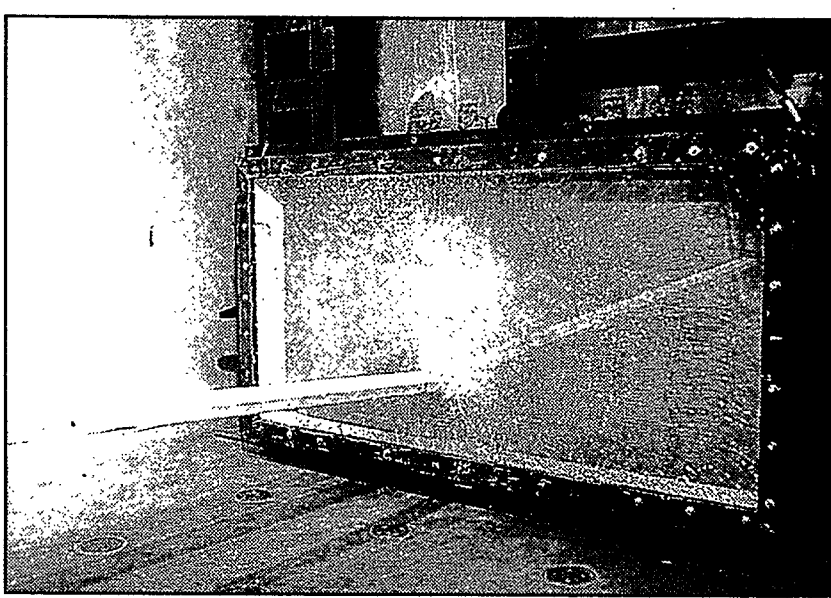
(MS) — As the hurricane season rapidly approaches, residents and business owners along the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coasts should begin planning and preparing their buildings for the damaging effects of a hurricane.

Each year, hurricanes cause more than \$2 billion in insured property damages in the United States. Weather forecasters and meteorologists have projected that the United States has entered a period of increased hurricane frequency and intensity, and they use the catastrophic 1998 hurricane season to support the validity of this prediction.

Whatever this hurricane season may bring, the important thing, experts say, is for residents in high-risk areas to plan early. "By using protective building products, we can reduce the destruction and damage of buildings and protect the lives of occupants," says Bob Sheets, the former director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla. Experience and studies have shown that windows and doors are the weakest link to a building and protecting them significantly can reduce damage to a home or business.

"One of the most important precautions for a building is to keep wind and flying debris from entering windows and doors," says Sheets. Once a window or door fails, strong winds, rain and debris will enter the building, destroying the interior and its contents. Wind forces then can knock down walls, other windows and doors, contributing to roof failures.

All windows, French doors,



A laminated glass window is tested under hurricane conditions and passes. Experts stress the importance of using window and door products, like laminated glass, to protect buildings in hurricane-prone areas from damage and destruction.

sliding glass doors and skylights need to be protected. Careful planning now can save your building or home from damage or complete destruction.

Today, there are three main options for protecting windows and doors — plywood, shutter systems or laminated glass. Contrary to popular belief, taping windows does not protect glass and most likely will result in deadly shards of broken glass.

Plywood of at least 1/4-inch exterior grade can be used. It is important to add 8 inches to the width and height of the window to allow for a 4-inch overhang. Plywood also must be attached with lag bolts and anchors.

Plywood has its disadvantages, however. Usually big, bulky and heavy, the plywood window coverings can be hard to install, especially if you are out of town. Plus, finding a place to store them can be a

problem.

Several shutter systems also can provide protection to windows and doors. Popular

systems include storm panel, accordion shutter, Bahama awning and roll-down shutter.

Installation is very important with shutter systems. Many shutter systems fail if they are not properly fastened. It's recommended to have a professional company install them. Shutter systems also require someone to be present to activate the system when a storm is approaching.

A newer option for home and business owners is window and door products made with laminated glass. Similar to the glass found in your car windshield, laminated glass may crack from debris or wind, but it remains together, helping to protect a building.

Laminated glass also provides several unique benefits. Since it always is installed, your home or business is protected even when you're not

there. This is of particular interest to owners who travel or are seasonal residents.

Also, some insurance companies provide larger rate reductions for these passive systems.

"Many people appreciate the convenience of laminated glass. When a storm is approaching, you have better things to do than worry about boarding up windows," says Shawn Donovan, a representative of KeepSafe Maximum glass.

Laminated glass also can provide aesthetic and cost advantages over shutter systems. A recent cost study conducted by Associated Cost Engineers found laminated glass windows and doors less expensive than ordinary windows and doors with accordion or roll-down shutter systems.

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Remodeling your home, possibly your most valuable asset, is a smart choice. A great deal of the money you invest in home improvements is added to the resale value of your home. According to Remodeling Magazine, the top remodeling investments are: • A minor kitchen remodel — you can expect to recoup 94 percent of your investment when you sell your home.

• Bathroom remodeling —

resale value 77 percent.

• Deck addition — resale value 73 percent.

• Siding replacement — resale value 71 percent.

• Home-office addition — resale value 69 percent.

• Window replacement — resale value 68 percent.

It pays to remodel, not only if you sell your home, but while you live there you can enjoy the luxury of your beautiful new improvements.

Building Your New Home From the Top: Choose Quality Roofing Shingles That Will Last For Years

Usually when consumers buy a new home or car, they do a little investigating to make sure they're getting the best value for their money. The same is true for many products that cost hundreds, even thousands of dollars — appliances, schools, televisions and even computers.

When it comes to home repairs though, many homeowners will take a contractor's recommendation and not fully investigate different product options. Take roofing shingles for example. Many times when a roofing contractor gives a quote to replace aging or damaged shingles, he'll submit an estimate that includes a basic 25- or 30-year shingle. Often, the contractor will use the lowest-priced shingles or use shingles from

a preferred manufacturer.

The problem occurs because many consumers think "shingles with 25- or 30-year warranty durations must all be alike" or "the heavier the shingle, the longer it is going to last." While logic may lead many to believe these statements, they are not completely accurate.

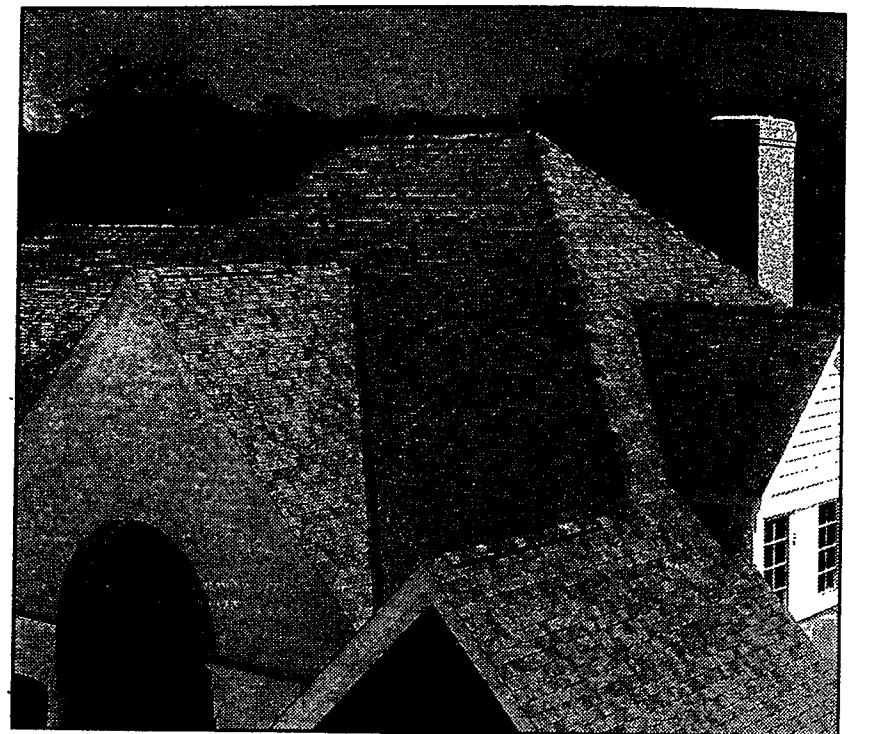
WHAT DETERMINES A QUALITY SHINGLE?

The most commonly used asphalt roofing shingle in the United States is made with a fiber glass base. In addition to the fiber glass base, shingles are also manufactured using asphalt, filler and colored rock granules. In some instances, manufacturers may use additional overlay pieces on the

shingles to give them a dimensional look. The quality of each of these elements is what sets the high-performance shingles apart from lower-quality imitations, not necessarily the product's weight, as some will tell you.

So, how can you be more informed about your shingle purchase without getting out the chemistry book? First, you need to know what you don't want your shingles to do: blow off, crack or tear during severe weather conditions. A shingle's ability to withstand cracking and tearing is the most important benchmark to measuring its quality.

The highly respected American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) has developed voluntary guidelines (standard D3462) for



To ensure you're getting proven quality, ask for shingles with the UL label specifying ASTM D3462 standards for tear resistance.

shingle performance in varying weather conditions with regard to tear resistance. While meeting these guidelines can help assure you of a quality product, it does not guarantee total problem prevention.

Another thing to be aware of is that shingles made by many manufacturers do not meet ASTM standards, yet some may claim it. How, then, can you tell the difference between pretenders and proven quality?

This is where Underwriters Laboratories comes into play. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) independently tests shingles and certifies whether they meet the ASTM requirements. This is your guarantee and proof that the shingles you are buying meet ASTM's high standards.

WHAT ABOUT A REPUTABLE ROOFER?

Choosing quality shingles for your roof is only half of your research requirement when tackling a re-roofing

project. Now, it is time to figure out how to choose a reputable roofing contractor. There are several very important aspects to consider. Does the company carry comprehensive liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance? This is to protect you, the homeowner, from any liability should an accident occur while the roofing work is being completed.

Another very important thing is the contractor's track record. Ask for about 10 job-site references in your area that you can visit. Although this is more than the normal three that most people ask for, it gives you the choice of which homes you want to visit. Also, be sure to ask for job references that are at least two years old. This allows you to investigate projects that have had a chance to have something go wrong. If nothing has gone wrong, then you can figure that the roofer does good work. If problems arose, how were they handled? The answers will tell you a lot about that contractor.

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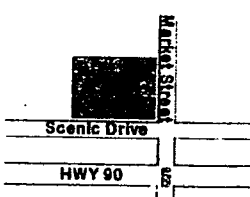
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A: Yes. Metal roofing is a great alternative to the common problems you're experiencing with traditional roofing shingles. Metal roofing does cost more upfront than typical shingles or tile, but it's actually cheaper because it lasts many times longer, requires less maintenance, and provides a better appearance (and greater value) for your home. Metal roofing has advantages in every climate, especially in areas with threats of fires or airborne sparks, severe storms, or extreme heat or cold. Some metal roofs even can be installed directly over your existing roof, preventing the added cost and mess of a tear-off.

Q: Won't a metal roof make my house hotter in the summer?

A: It depends on the metal. Steel absorbs and transfers the heat of the sun, but not all metals do. Aluminum, for example, reflects radiant heat; that's why NASA uses aluminum to shield satellites in space, where there's no atmosphere to scatter the heat of the sun.

One metal roofing manufacturer had its aluminum roofing product, called Rustic Shingle, tested by the Florida Solar Energy Center. The center found it to reduce attic heat gain by up to 34 percent more than traditional roofing materials. This can add up to big savings on your utility bills. If you decide to use a metal roof that is not aluminum, you will need to install a radiant-heat barrier in your attic to get any energy savings.

Q: I don't like the "industrial" look of flat metal roofing with vertical lines. Are there alternatives?

A: You are describing "standing seam" roofing, so named for the vertical seams that stand up between the panels. And, yes, there are many alternatives. Most popular are the products that look like natural wood shakes,

tile or slate. These offer a traditional, yet distinctive, appearance with all the benefits of metal roofing.

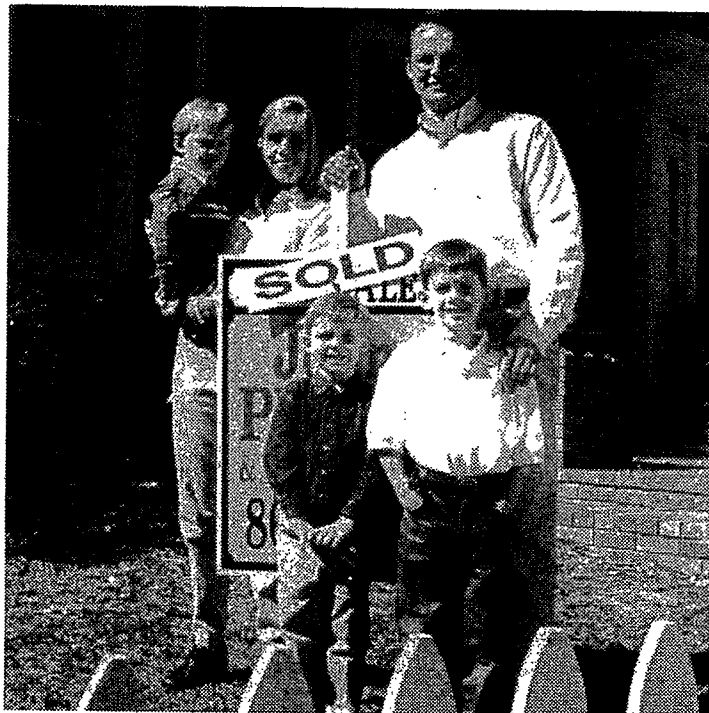
Q: How will I know that I'm buying a quality metal roof?

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Simplify Flooring Selections For Your New Home

Buying a new home and selecting all its various components can be an exciting, but overwhelming experience. New homeowners are asked to make decisions about everything from cabinetry and appliances to bath fixtures and countertops. Then they must sort through all the various options in each category.

According to Mario Gonzalez, Mannington Wood Floors marketing director, you

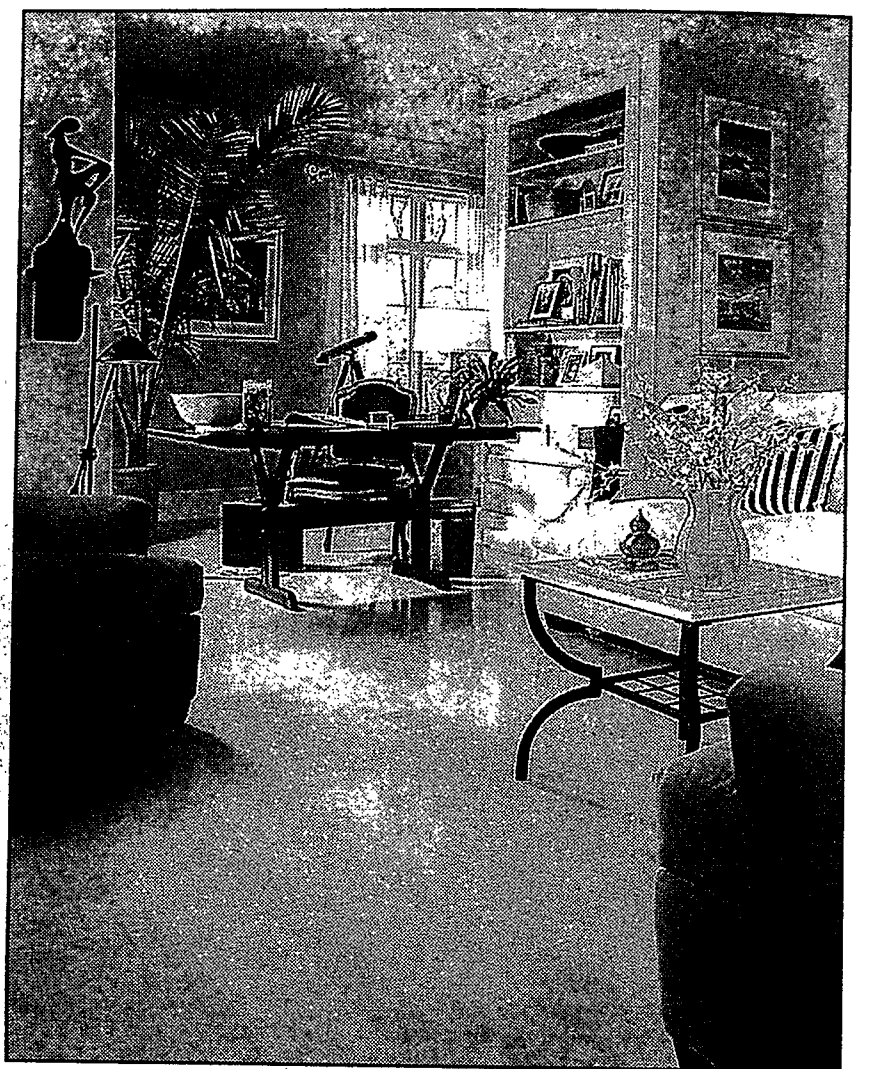
can simplify the process by doing your homework before you get in the builder's showroom. This way, you'll understand which items will have the greatest effect upon your satisfaction with your new home. For many new homeowners, flooring is just such a "make or break" option.

"Wood flooring is a great decorating choice and adds value to a home more than any other flooring type. As it

grows in popularity with new homeowners, builders are making more and more selections available, so it's important that homeowners choose the wood flooring that suits their lifestyle needs, and how much foot traffic or use each room will be supporting," says Gonzalez.

He suggests the following:

1. Know the difference between engineered wood floors and traditional solid



New homeowners can simplify their wood-flooring selection by knowing the basic advantages and disadvantages of engineered hard wood vs. traditional solid wood floors, of a high shine vs. a satin finish.

wood floors. The advantage of engineered wood flooring is that it can be installed, by a variety of methods, anywhere in the home from basement to attic. Comprised of several layers of cross-grained hardwood plies, engineered wood floors are highly stable and less affected by seasonal weather changes. So, homeowners can expect to experience

fewer incidences of gaping between boards than with solid wood floors — an important consideration in areas of the country with large temperature and humidity swings. Also, the beautiful, wide variety of wood species, like oak and maple, designer colors, and consistent factory finishes are highly complementary to a wide range of traditional and contemporary decor motifs.

2. Consider which rooms of your home will be appropriate for wood flooring. Today's engineered wood floors feature no-wax, stain-resistant finishes and can be appropriate for every room in a house, except for full baths. If your lifestyle includes heavy traffic through certain rooms or if you have pets and young children, select the construction, color and finish that is best suited for heavy use.

3. Know your gloss levels. High-gloss wood floors are gorgeous additions to any home, and some homeowners simply prefer the elegant high-shine look. They are, however, more suited to "easier living" than a semi-gloss or satin-finish wood floor, which

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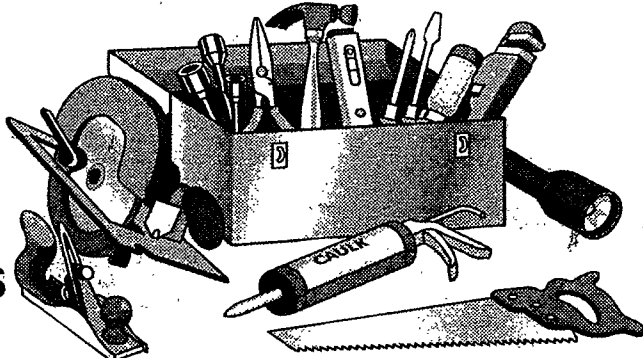
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Building Better Home Interior Profiles: How to Shop For Mouldings at Your Local Home Center

Homeowners are discovering that solid hardwood mouldings give every room unique character, from injecting drama into a formal dining room to adding a custom touch to stock kitchen cabi-

netry.

The Hardwood Information Center offers the following tips when shopping for mouldings at your local home center:

Moulding the possibilities

— The secret to getting the most out of solid hardwood mouldings is understanding the wide range of possibilities.

Available in species like oak, maple or cherry, solid hardwood mouldings offer an

unmatched combination of natural beauty and unsurpassed versatility.

Know your profiles — A moulding's "profile" refers to its shape. For anything beyond the basic, it may be

necessary to combine two or more profiles through "stacking." Stunning results are achieved by stacking profiles, which can make for an infinite variety of looks.

More than 350 standard moulding profiles are available, so you are sure to have plenty of options. With this many possibilities, it makes sense to ask the salesperson which profiles typically work well together.

Speak the language — When shopping for mouldings, you may encounter the following terminology:

- skirt board: The moulding that conceals the joint between the stair treads and the wall.

- millwork: A general term for lumber planed and shaped for finished work. In addition to mouldings, millwork also includes doors, cornices, panel work, and other items of interior or exterior trim, not including flooring, ceilings or siding.

- chair rail: A moulding applied along a wall for protection against chair backs, or as a design element.

- crown moulding: The decorative moulding that conceals the joint between the wall and ceiling.

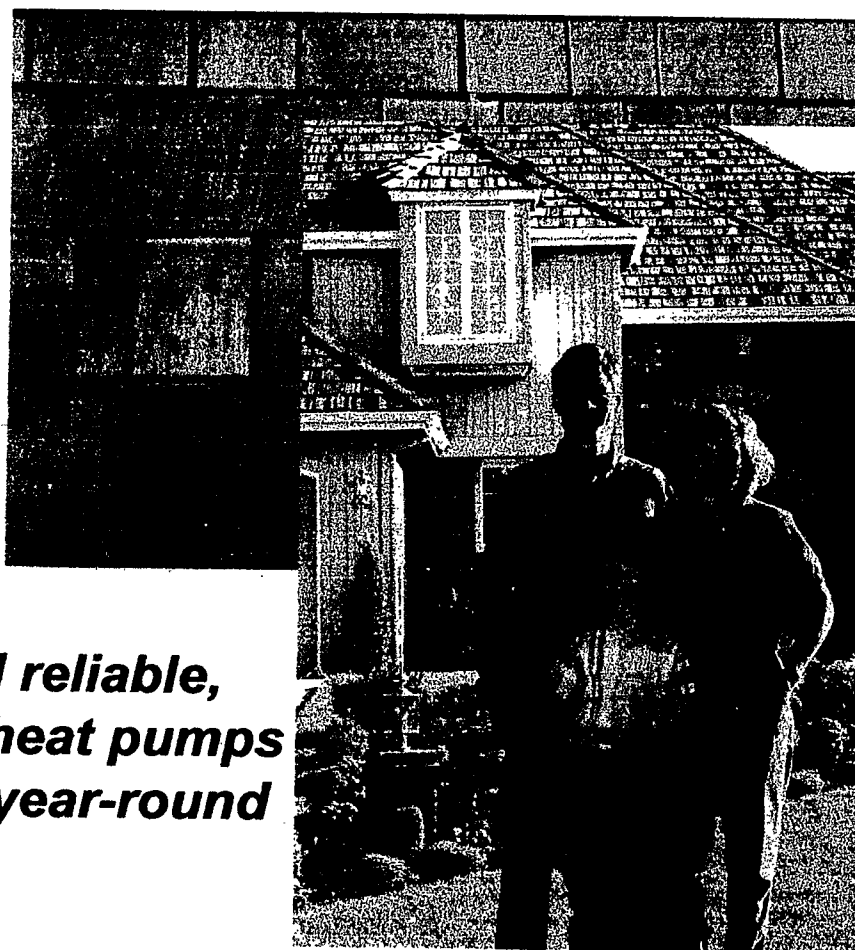
- base block: The squared block terminating a moulded baseboard at a doorway. Also commonly called a "plinth block."

Is it solid hardwood? — Today's home centers carry an unprecedented variety of building products. With materials available to suit any budget, a wide disparity exists in quality. This especially is true with mouldings.

Solid hardwood mouldings and millwork contain no other material. Down the road, if you decide to go with a totally new interior, you can refinish the solid hardwood to achieve a different look — without replacing the mouldings. And, unlike mouldings made of composite materials, like MDF, nicks and scratches are easy to repair.

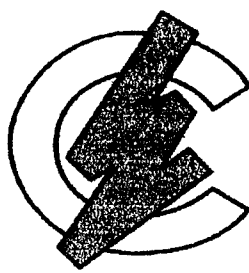
Seek out sound advice from salespeople — Whether you plan to tackle a moulding installation as a Saturday project, or hire a professional contractor to do it for you, be sure to draw on the expertise of the salesperson at your local home center.

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Tips for – Skillfully – Hanging Prepasted Wallpaper

(MS) – Hanging wallpaper can be a messy and frustrating project. It involves the skillful handling of large, awkward, wet sheets of paper with paste on the backside, careful positioning and accurate seam matching. And, often you need to reposition the sheet to get the proper alignment. But the end results are worth the challenge. Nothing like wallpaper can add such beauty, style, character and warmth to a room and home.

Nearly 90 percent of all wallpaper sold today is prepaste. That is, paste is applied by the manufacturer to the backside of the wallpaper and only moistening is required to prepare the paper for installation. This sounds easy, but proper preparation of prepasted wallpaper involves several steps, as moistening the paste is not easy to accomplish and does not necessarily guarantee good adhesion. Experts at Wm. Zinsser & Co., a leading manufacturer of paint and wallpaper specialty products, offer the following tips that can make hanging prepasted paper easier, less messy and less frustrating:

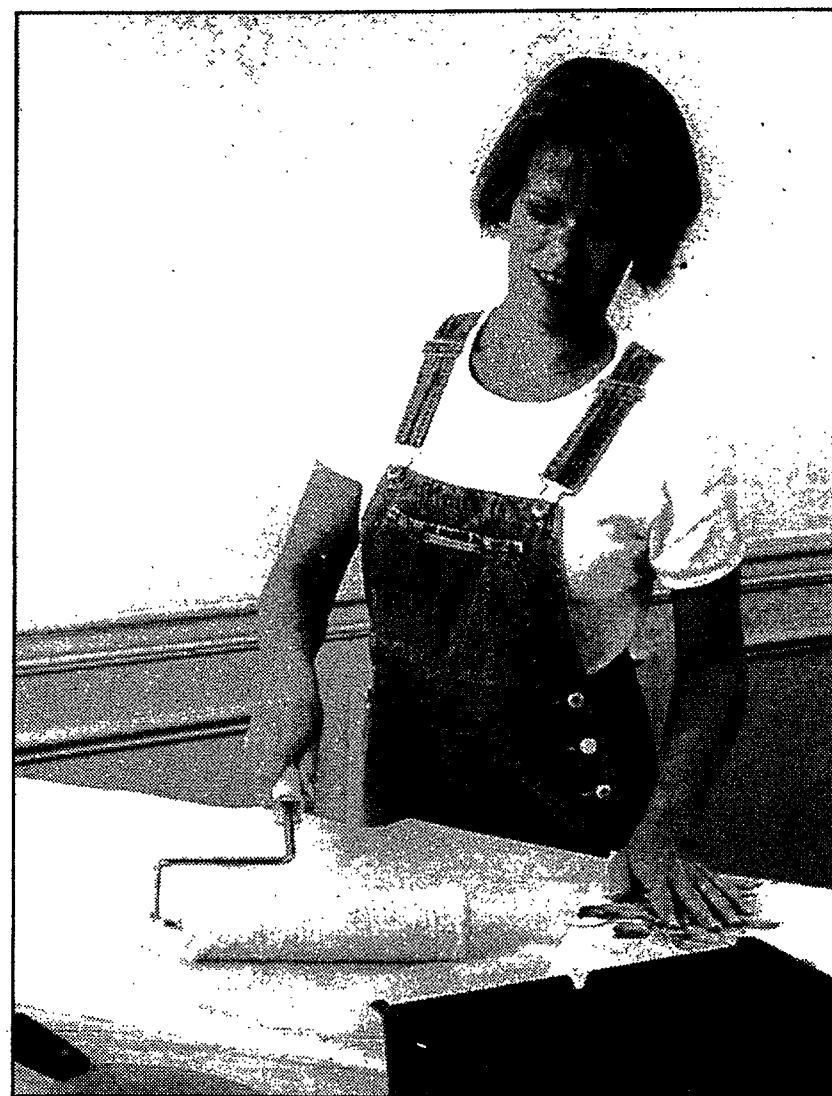
- Prepare the walls with a universal wallcovering primer – Wallpaper needs to be hung over a sound, stable surface that's ready to accept the adhesive on the back of the paper. Prepasted papers and borders won't adhere properly to slick, glossy-painted walls. Porous surfaces like cured plaster and new wallboard can suck up too much of the paste, causing poor adhesion. And, the stress created by the wallcovering's drying and shrinkage can cause poorly adhering paints underneath to give way – especially inexpensive builder's flat paint often found in new construction. To promote bonding on these and other types of surfaces, you need to prepare the walls with a universal wallcovering primer.

Zinsser makes a universal primer called SHIELDZ that promotes bonding and prepares many types of surfaces for hanging wallpaper. It's applied just like paint with a brush or roller.

There's no need to sand glossy surfaces or apply an oil-based primer to seal the wall. And, there's no need to apply a "sizing" compound. SHIELDZ primes, seals and

sizes in one coat, and it "gives slip," creating just the right surface so that the wallpaper can easily be positioned and adjusted without tearing or stretching the paper. Moreover, the primer creates a uniform surface to which the paste locks on, so edges are held down and seams stay tightly butted.

- Use a prepaste activator instead of a water tray – The conventional way of wetting the paste on the back of prepasted paper is to soak the entire roll of wallpaper in a water tray. However, there are problems with this method. First of all, water trays are very messy. As you pull strips of paper out of the tray, water drips onto the floor. After soaking multiple rolls, the water needs to be changed, and it's difficult and sloppy to carry a glue-and-water filled tray across the room to a sink or bathtub. Second, "soaking time" directions provided by wallpaper manufacturers are difficult to follow. They need to be measured in seconds. If you under-soak the paper, the paste might not be uniformly activated. Over-soaking may wash paste off the back of the paper, leading to poor adhe-



When hanging prepasted wallpaper, use a prepaste activator instead of a water tray. A good activator thoroughly and more reliably activates the glue on the back of the paper and adds "grip," increasing the holding power of the adhesive. There's no need for messy water trays and no concern with over- or under-soaking the paper, which can lead to poor adhesion, lifting seams and curling edges.

sion. Third, there is a tendency to over-handle the edges of the wet paper while taking it out of the tray. This wears paste off the edges, which can cause adhesion problems like lifting seams and curling edges.

Prepaste activators, which are rather new to the market, are applied to the back of prepasted paper with a brush or paint roller. They eliminate the need for a water tray. The solution thoroughly and more reliably activates the adhesive on the back of the paper and adds "grip," increasing the holding power of the adhesive. This helps hold seams tight and reduces edge-curling and other adhesion problems.

Using a prepaste activator will give you great results without the mess and risks associated with water trays. Zinsser wallpapering surface-prep products are available at paint stores, hardware stores and home centers.

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Ceiling Tile Emerges as New Canvas for Interior Painting

A little creativity can help you make a new look for your home

Looking for a fresh, new way to revitalize a room? Look up! Why? Because today's generation of ceiling tiles offers exciting decorating possibilities and is fast becoming the hot new canvas for interior painting.

According to Thomas Hills Cook, director of interior design at Armstrong, a growing desire to add character and personality to a room is causing homeowners to focus more on the ceiling.

"Homeowners often believe they have little choice but to live with one vast expanse of drywall ceiling, usually painted an off-white," he says. "As a result, the ceiling becomes the great unclaimed territory, the Alaska of most people's homes."

"However, there's a wide variety of decorative ceiling tiles available today that not only add style, pattern and

design to a room, but also can be painted to truly make the ceiling part of the overall decor. And, you don't have to be a Michelangelo to accomplish it."

Representative of the ceiling choices Cook describes are two 12-inch-by-12-inch tiles from Armstrong called Wellington and TinTile, both of which offer the look of a tin ceiling, but at a fraction of the cost.

Both can be painted to duplicate nearly any metallic finish. The patina that develops on tin ceilings as a result of age can be duplicated as well, simply by sponge painting the base coat with shades of green and blue.

Another 12-inch-by-12-inch tile, called Kensington, also lends itself to painting. This particular ceiling tile features a lightly embossed, traditional pattern that imparts another

rich, classic look to a room.

Cook says installation of these ceilings is quick and easy because they are installed directly onto existing drywall ceilings using adhesives, wood-furring strips, Armstrong Furring Tape, or a metal track-and-clip system that's included in Armstrong ceiling-tile installation kits. Most ceilings can be installed in a weekend.

Painting ceiling tiles is just as easy.

If you're going to paint the ceiling one overall color, for example, Cook says no special technique is required. Simply paint it as you would any other ceiling. However, he does suggest that you install the tile first, then paint it with a 1/4-inch nap roller using a latex paint.

If your decorating plans require that you must paint the ceiling tile before installing it, Cook says be careful not to let the paint drip and accumulate on the sides of the tile. Otherwise, installation can be affected.



Ceiling tiles are fast becoming the hot new canvas for interior painting. The center and perimeter of each of these have been painted to accent other colors in the room.

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lowy greens, grass-blade greens that are truer to nature, festive coral-pinks, dashes of purple, lemon yellow, sky blue and purplish-periwinkle," says Senior.

• Earthy palate — Another popular color scheme includes more earthy tones, like olive

green and khaki, plum, sage, clay, burgundy, brick red, wheat gold, and aubergine.

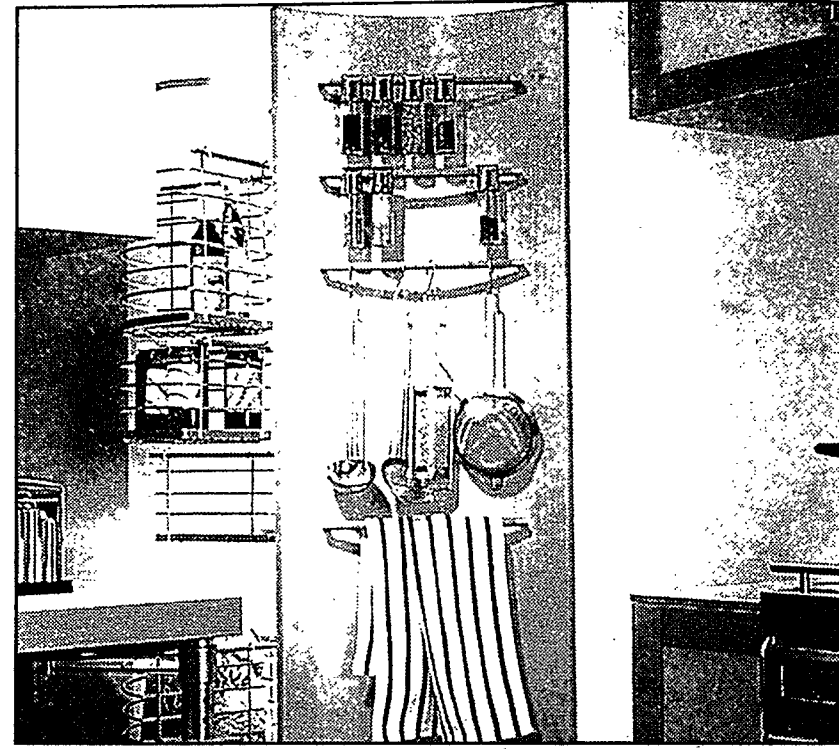
• Taupe and black — "Neutral colors still are popular," comments Senior. They complement all types of styles, including contemporary tastes, and work well in

large open spaces. They also can add "resale" value to a home.

• Borders used to "coordinate" rather than "complete" — In years past, borders more commonly were used to "finish off" and complete the look of one room.

While a prominent wallpaper design might be used in the master bath, for example, a coordinating border is used in the adjoining bedroom or hallway, paired with a tone-on-tone sidewall paper, to help achieve an overall "whole-house" effect.

• More color on the walls — "Homeowners are choosing patterns with more background color," says Senior. "Sage and a minty apple-green are popular grounds for many of our newer designs. Soft yellow has been a popular background color for the past several years, and sensuous red grounds also have become popular," states Senior.



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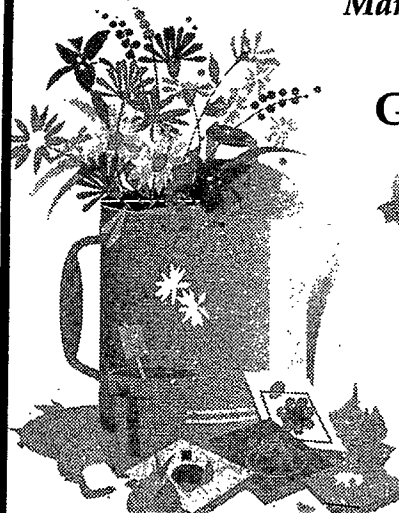
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Floors -- wood

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are better at camouflaging signs of an active household.

4. Be prepared to choose between square or bevel edges. This almost is entirely a visual preference. Square-edged wood flooring is the more traditional choice and gives a room an attractive

uniform look. Bevel edges add definition to each plank and provide some texture to the flooring visual. So, try to see installed floors with both edge types before making a final decision about whether or not this is a priority feature. It will help narrow your selec-

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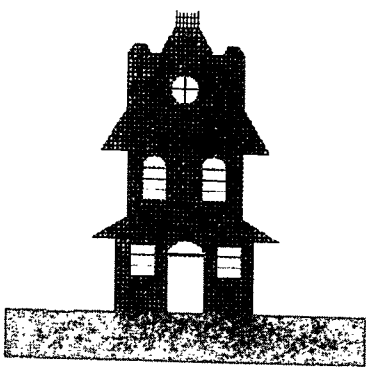
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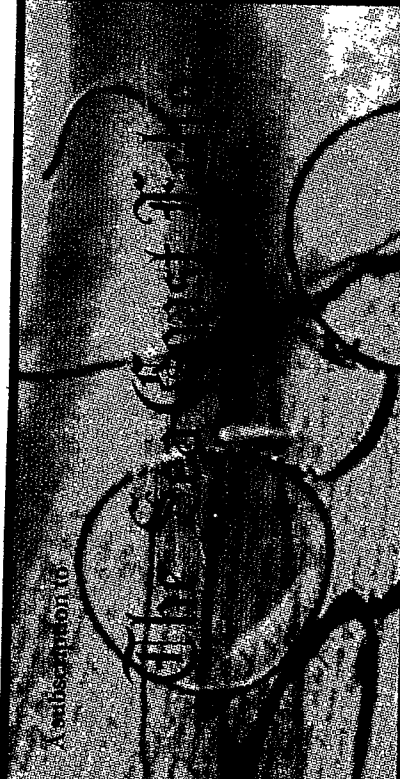
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